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Note

In the previous issue, I mentioned that there was going to some big announcement in this current issue of Genki Life Magazine. I'm ecstatic to announce that Genki Life Magazine is partnered with Digital Manga Publishing to distribute Genki Life Magazine on their website, eManga.com, beginning with this issue. GLM will be available for FREE as always, but now to a wider audience!

Other than Animé Los Angeles this past January, there has been anything we attended. That's usual in winter around here in the LA area. There was a small cosplay gathering, but work-related events set that plan aside. One other convention we really wanted to go to was Gallifrey One, a *Doctor Who* convention, in February. But as we planned for it in late December, it was completely sold out the month before.

One big thing though. In the beginning of February, I applied as industry professional for Comic-Con International just to test the waters as they say. I honestly didn't think nothing would come out of it, but I had to try. "There are much more professional professionals out there," I said to myself. To my surprise, I got accepted as professional for their upcoming conventions. The hard part comes next… travel plans.

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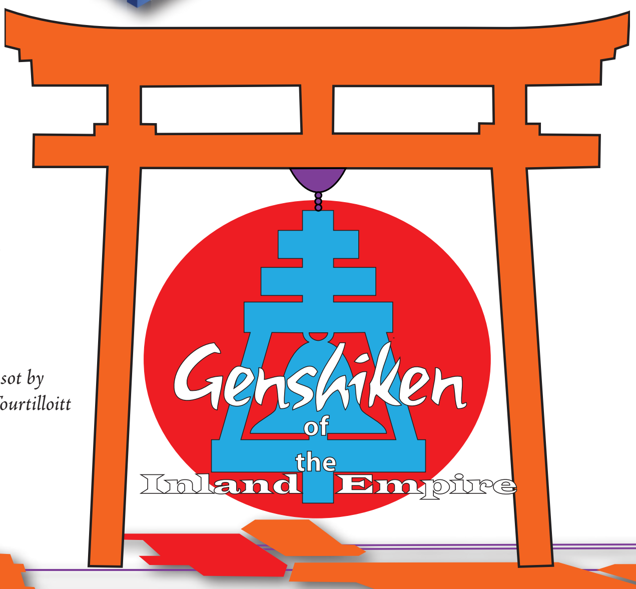

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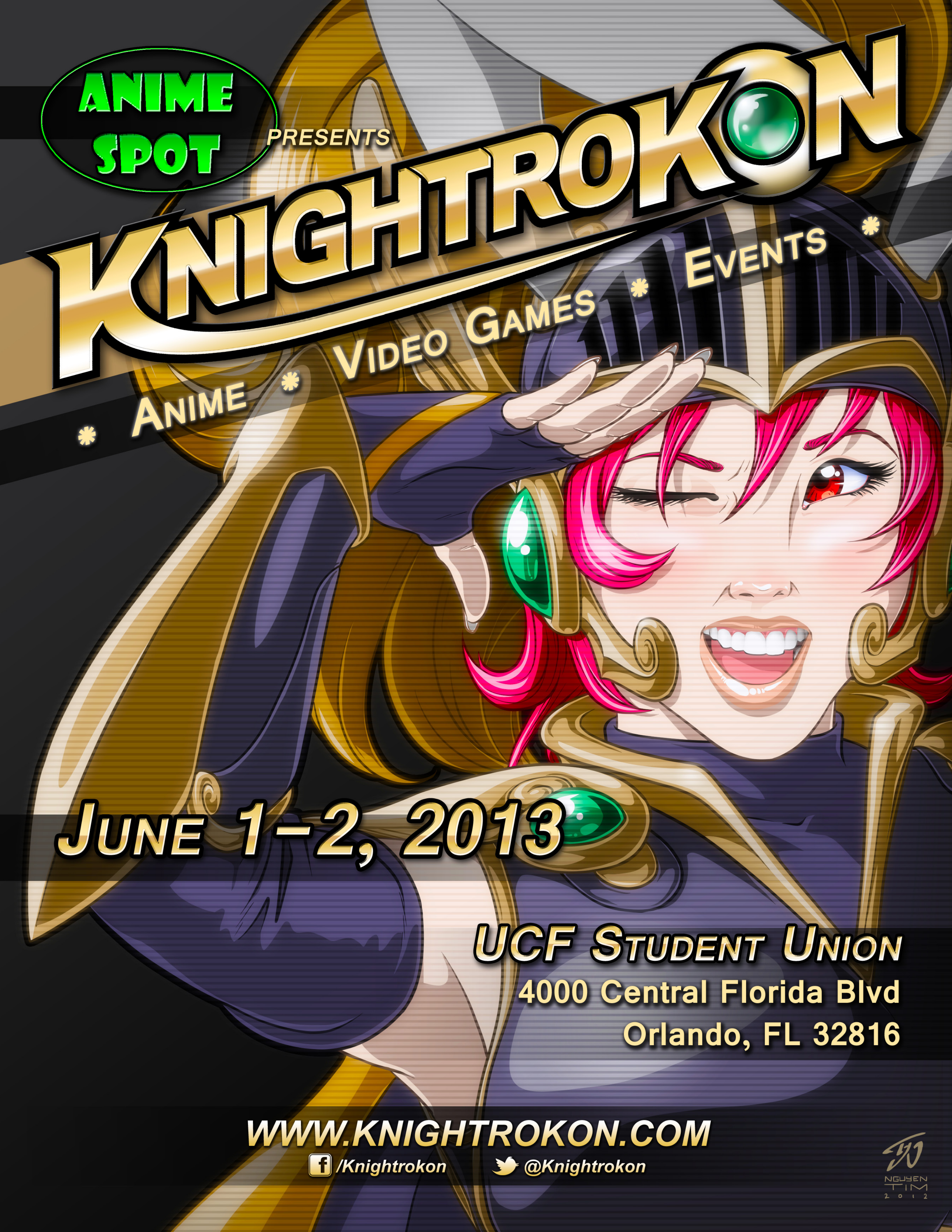

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Why I'd Only Date an Otaku

In a recent article on CNNGo about why "Why It's Better to Date an Otaku Guy," they talk about eight reasons why Japanese nerds are the best boyfriends. I won't go into a review about the article so feel free to go read it then come back. During our latest episode of AX Live we talked about the article and our question of the week was "Would you date an otaku in the US?" While I'll be giving an answer on air I felt that knowing my nature of rambling I won't be able to get out everything I feel about it during such a short segment so I should write it out here for you all. It's no secret that I date and that I've had a couple of boyfriends, mostly otaku. With my limited dating experience, I figure I should give my reasons why I'll only date otaku men. I'll have to go back a few years to give examples, back to my first boyfriend, we'll call him Boy #1.

All photographs in this article courtesy of Frances Degaldo.

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Now Boy #1 was a boy from my high school and we dated for two years, this was during a time that I was becoming more of an otaku. I didn't have too many friends who knew about anime and my older brother was feeding me more and more anime every time we spent time together which was often. It was hard on Boy #1. He didn't understand what I was watching or the appeal. I tried to help him get into it by lending him a few different anime but he didn't even want to try to understand. This was also a time that I was getting into anime/J-pop music and I listened to it all the time! The last straw with Boy #1 was when I had a mix CD of different anime openings/endings and J-pop and J-rock bands I put in the CD, in my own car non-the-less and he didn't like it, so he took the CD and threw it out the window. I was hurt and offended, this was a part of my life now, something I loved that he had no intention of trying to understand. After that I broke it off.

I realized that I was so into the realm of *otakuness* that I needed someone who understood the fandom, understood that dressing up wasn't just for Halloween anymore but could be year round at different anime conventions, that I know the lyrics to "A Cruel Angel's Thesis" more than the lyrics to the latest Kanye West song. I found Boy #3, now I'm skipping Boy #2 since he was otaku enough but just a jerk all around so no need to get into that…

Now Boy #3 was an otaku. He went to all the fun conventions, had tons of friends who were into the fandom and even did concerts singing songs in Japanese. But even still while he was an otaku, it had it's limits. There are certain aspects of the fandom that some people get into and other's don't. All of us figure collectors go through it on time or another, where someone says "why are you going to spend so much money on that plastic toy?" "You could easily buy a video game for that much money!" "$800 for a doll? That's crazy you could buy a TV for that much!" While it all might seem harmless, it starts getting you down as a figure collector.

I no longer see myself as a "normal otaku" I'm a "*figure otaku*." Yes, I know my anime, my manga and more, but I know my figures like nobody's business. The fine line between *want* and *need* is very blurred, I don't *want* every Yōko figure out there, I *need* every Yōko figure out there. I don't *want* to complete that collection of K-on nendoroids, I *need* to complete that set. Yes, it might seem crazed and like I've gone of the deep end, but that's exactly it. I have gone past the point of no return. This is it. This is my life. I am Frances Delgado, Figure Collector. Boy #3 never understood that, he always put me down when it came to spending my money on figures. Things ended for different reasons, but in the end, I came to realize that Boy #3 wasn't the right one because he never understood why it is that I have this collection. He never understood never tried to understand the hobby, the fandom.

It's not just about dating an *otaku* but finding an *otaku* who fits you. We all know there are so many different types of us out there; the cosplayers, the musicians, the manga nuts, the DVD/Blu-ray collectors and more. It's not just finding another otaku but finding one who fits with you. I won't jump the gun with the relationship I'm in now, but I'll tell you that currently we

seem to fit. He understands this hobby. Heck, he collects figures too! He doesn't have as many as I do, and asks me advice on whether or not he should get different figures (*which I love by the way!*). I adore helping people buy figures! I would love to do one day—I would take a group around the exhibit hall at Anime Expo and point out amazing figures and what to buy and what not to buy! Obviously, if you have a specific taste, we'd take that into consideration, but it would be so much fun! Ok, I'm getting off topic.

When it came to buying Dollfie Yōko, it took me a long time to finally get the nerve to buy her. $800 was a lot of money for me to spend. I knew that it had been over two years since I had first saw promotional pictures, knew I had to have her and still wanted her just as much, but my current boyfriend is the one who helped me make the leap. He was considering getting a 1/1 scale Paper Moon Ayanami Rei. But they're $5,000! And when he saw they had a payment plan, he would not stop talking about how he should do it and do the payment plan. In the end, I realized, here is this guy, he adores Ayanami Rei as much as I love Yōko and is willing to spend $5,000 on her. I should be able to spend less than $1,000 on my beloved Yōko? I made the leap and set up a payment plan. Now as we all know I'm a proud parent!

So back to the article; yes, I'd say dating an otaku guy is great!

1. Access to an unknown world

For those otaku who are into different things, I try and find someone who is into most things I'm into, but there are always things you may never have seen or heard of. There are so many different anime I've yet to see that he tells me are amazing. It's nice to get a fresh opinion and new anime even if it's older anime that I haven't seen to watch!

2. Fresh date ideas

You can hang out with friends and go see anime movies at independent theaters, go to different anime conventions and meet new people. Going to cosplay gatherings…Japanese festivals in Little Tokyo.

3. Trustworthy

Now this isn't so much otaku, because you can find untrustworthy people anywhere, I'd point out to Boy #2, but then again I won't go into that…

4. Shared obsessions

So true! When you both love something together it's like double the love! Plus for instance, say we both love series *A*, and series *A* is actually an homage to series *Z* and your otaku date hasn't seen series *Z*. You can help them discover more awesome anime!

5. Enthusiastic conversations

You can sit around together and have in depth conversations as to why you just can't get into *Naruto* and why he has to watch *School Days*. Why he feels that *Wolf's Rain* is just so awesome and that I'm an idiot for not watching *Inuyasha* and that I'll argue that *Maison Ikkoku* is so much better!

6. Respect for your sense of values

Again this depends on the person, even within our own *otakusphere*, there are so many people with different values, morals, religions and more. Finding someone who respects that and gets you is just simple rules of dating.

7. An expert helper

I will say with all the otaku's I've dated, this is one to be true. I'm so computer retarded and most of them have been very computer smart. Each one seems to get smarter than the other. Heck, this site's redesign was done by my current boyfriend. How do you like it?

8. Dependable

Once again this depends on the person, but finding someone that is dependable is always hard. Really! Only the current boyfriend has proven himself worthy of this title, yet many men can just be douchejerks.

Of course, this article is referring to Japanese otaku and not otaku in the rest of the world. In my experience in the rest of the world, otaku men can be the same as regular men, just they are into the same things you are, which is the benefit in the end. So for me, as with figure collecting, there is no going back, it's only otaku men who will understand me and this wonderful amazing thing we all know and love! How about you? Will you only date otaku? Would you want someone who isn't into anime? What are your reasons? ❖ Frances Delgado

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AFA 34
March 20-24
Orlando Airport Marriott
Orlando, FL
iafa.highpoint.edu/

Tokyo International Anime Fair
March 21-24
Tokyo Big Sight,
Tokyo, Japan
www.tokyoanime.jp/en/

Anime Salt Lake
March 22-23
Salt Lake Community College
Salt Lake City, UT
www.animesaltlake.com

Con-nichiwa
March 22-24
Holiday Inn Palo Verde
Tucson, AZ
con-nichiwa.com

EvilleCon
March 22-24
Holiday Inn Evansville Airport
Hotel, Evansville, IN
www.evillecon.com

Kitsune Kon
March 22-24
Radisson Paper Valley Hotel
Appleton, WI
kitsunekon.com

Triad Anime Convention
March 22-24
Winston-Salem Marriott
Winston-Salem, NC
triadanimecon.com

Zenkaikon
March 22-24
Lancaster County Convention
Center
Lancaster, PA
zenkaikon.com

Animarathon
March 23
Bowling Green State
University
Bowling Green, OH
animarathon.com

Mizuumi-Con
March 23
Our Lady of the Lake
University
San Antonio, TX
www.mizuumicon.org

SunnyCon
March 23-24
Seaburn Centre
Sunderland, UK
sunnycon.co.uk

Tora-Con
March 23-24
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rochester, NY
toracon.rit.edu

Frolicon
March 28-31
heraton Gateway Hotel Atlanta
Airport, Atlanta, GA
frolicon.net/default.aspx

Anime Matsuri
March 29-31
Hyatt Regency Houston
Houston, TX
animematsuri.com

Conbust
March 29-31
Smith College (Seelye Hall)
Northampton, MA
sophia.smith.edu/conbust/

Middle Tennessee Anime Convention
March 29-31
Nashville Convention Center /
Renaissance Nashville Hotel
Nashville, TN
mtac.net

Sakura-Con
March 29-31
Washington State Convention &
Trade Center
Seattle, WA
sakuracon.org

Middle East Film and Comic Con
April 5-6
Dubai International Marine
Club, Mina Seyahi Hall
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
mefcc.com

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FreeCon 9
April 5-7
Florida State University
Tallahassee, FL
www.tallahasseeanime.com/freecon/location.html

Animation & Gaming Ohio
April 5-7
Crowne Plaza Hotel - Cincinnati North, Cincinnati, OH
www.aandgohio.com

Banzaicon
April 5-7
Sliperiet, Larvik, Norway
banzaicon.net

Shuto Con
April 5-7
Lansing Convention Center / Radisson Hotel Lansing
Lansing, MI
shutocon.com

Tekkoshocon
April 5-7
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Pittsburgh, PA
tekkoshocon.com

JayCon 4
April 6-7
Elizabethtown College
Elizabethtown, PA
jaycon.weebly.com

Anime Conji
April 12-14
Town and Country Resort Hotel
San Diego, CA
www.animeconji.org

Anime St. Louis
April 12-14
Gateway Center
Collinsville, IL
animestl.net

No Brand Con
April 12-14
Plaza Hotel and Suites
Eau Claire, WI
nobrandcon.org

Shinboku Con
April 12-14
Ramada Elyria, Ohio
Elyria, OH
shinbokucon.com

DOJ-CON
April 13
University of Dundee, Students Union, Dundee, UK
dojcon.com

NashiCon
April 13-14
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, Columbia, SC
nashicon.com

Anime Detour
April 19-21
DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington Minneapolis South
Bloomington, MN
animedetour.com

T-MODE
April 19-21
Hilton Washington DC/ Rockville Hotel & Executive Meeting Ctr, Rockville, MD
www.tmode.org

UBCon
April 19-21
University of Buffalo, Student Union, Buffalo, NY
ubcon.org

Trek Trax
April 19-21
Holiday Inn Atlanta Perimeter
Atlanta, GA
www.trektrax.org

Anime Days: Sabakon
April 20-21
Texas Station Casino
North Las Vegas, NV
www.sabakon.com

Starfest
April 19-21
Denver Marriott Tech Center
Denver, CO
starland.com

FanExpo Vancouver
April 20-21
Vancouver Convention Centre
Vancouver, British Columbia
www.fanexpovancouver.com

Quinni-Con
April 20-21
Quinnipiac University York Hill Campus
Hamden, CT
quinni-con.com

Awesome Con DC
April 20-21
Washington Convention Center
Washington, DC
awesomecondc.com

Lucky Con
April 26
The Priory Centre
Lincoln, UK
www.luckycon.co.uk

Aka-Con
April 26-28
Clarion Hotel Liffey Valley
Dublin, Ireland
aka-con.com

Calgary Comic & Entertainment Expo
April 26-28
BMO Centre, Calgary, Alberta
calgaryexpo.com

Nadeshicon
April 26-28
Université Laval
Quebec City, Quebec
www.nadeshicon.ca

Sun City SciFi
April 26-28
El Paso Marriott
El Paso, TX
suncityscifi.com

Kentokyo Mini-Con
April 27
Joseph-Beth Booksellers
Lexington, KY
www.bluegrassotaku.org/kentokyomini-con/

Gaylaxicon at Outlantacon
May 3
Atlanta Marriott Century Center
Atlanta, GA
www.outlantacon.org

Anime-zing!
May 3-5
Clarion Hotel Conference Center
Davenport, IA
qcanimezing.com

Khaotic Kon
May 3-5
Sheraton Tampa East Hotel
Tampa, FL
khaotickon.com

ScreenCon
May 4
Parks Leisure Centre
North Shields, UK
screen-con.com

Hanami
May 4-5
Pfalzbau Ludwigshafen
Ludwigshafen, Germany
hanami-ludwigshafen.de

Animefest
May 10-12
Brno Expo, Brno, Czech Republic
animefest.cz

BAMCon
May 10-12
Crowne Plaza Pittsfield - Berkshires, Pittsfield, MA
bam-con.com

BelleCON
May 10-12
Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk, Jacksonville, FL
belleconventions.com

LouisiANIME
May 10-12
Hilton Lafayette, Lafayette, LA
www.louisianime.com/site/

Ratha Con
May 11
Athens Community Center
Athens, OH
rathacon.blogspot.com

Otafest
May 17-19
University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta
otafest.com

Sci-Fi in the Valley Con
May 17-19
Jaffa Shrine Center, Altoona, PA
scifivalleycon.com

Keycon 30
May 19-21
The Radisson Hotel Downtown Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB, Canada
www.keycon.org

Anime Central
May 17-19
Hyatt Regency O'Hare / Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
Rosemont, IL
www.acen.org

XCON 13
May 17-19
Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach, SC
www.xconworld.info

East Coast Comic Expo 2013
May 18
Beaver Curling Club
Moncton, NB, Canada
www.eastcoastcomicexpo.com

Big Wow! ComicFest
May 18-19
San Jose McEnery Convention Center, San Jose, CA
www.bigwowcomicfest.com

MCBA SpringCon Comic Carnival
May 18-19
Minnesota State Fairgrounds
St. Paul, MN
midwestcomicbook.com

CloverCon
May 19
Somerset County 4-H Youth Center
Bridgewater, NJ
clovercon.org

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Galacticon 2013
May 23-24
George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, TX
www.galacticon3.com

Animazement
May 23-26
Raleigh Convention Center
Raleigh, NC
animazement.org

Phoenix Comicon
May 23-26
Phoenix Convention Center
Phoenix, AZ
phoenixcomicon.com

Anime Boston
May 24-26
Hynes Convention Center
Boston, MA
animeboston.com

Anime North
May 24-26
Toronto Congress Center
Toronto, Ontario
animenorth.com/live/

Anime Odyssey
May 24-26
El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel
San Antonio, TX
www.anime-odyssey.org

Florida Anime Experience
May 24-26
International Palms Resort & Conference Center
Orlando, FL
www.floridaanime.com

London MCM Expo
May 24-26
ExCeL Convention Centre,
Royal Victoria Dock
London, UK
www.londonexpo.com

CONduit 23
May 24-26
Downtown Radisson
Salt Lake City, UT
conduit-sf.com

BRIT CON
May 24-26
Double Tree Park Place
St. Louis Park, MN
britconmn.org

Timegate
May 24-26
Holiday Inn Select
Atlanta, GA
www.timegatecon.org

ConQuest 44
May 24-26
Holiday Inn CoCo Key Water Resort
Kansas City, MO
www.conquestkc.org

Oasis 26
May 24-26
The Castle Hotel
Orlando, FL
www.oasfis.org/oasis/

Alabama Phoenix Festival
May 24-26
Cahaba Grand Conference Center, Birmingham, AL
www.alabamaphoenixfestival.com

Comicpalooza 2013
May 24-26
George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX
www.comicpalooza.com

Anime Oasis
May 24-27
Grove Hotel / CenturyLink Arena, Boise, ID
animeoasis.org

FanimeCon
May 24-27
San Jose McEnery Convention Center, San Jose, CA
www.fanime.com

Balticon 47
May 24-27
The Hunt Valley Inn
Baltimore, MD
www.balticon.org

MediaWest Con 33
May 24-27
Ramada Lansing, Lansing, MI
www.mediawestcon.org/mwc33.htm

MisCon 27
May 24-27
Ruby's Inn and Convention Center
Missoula, MT
www.miscon.org

WisCon 37
May 24-27
The Concourse Hotel
Madison, WI
www.wiscon.info

JABEcon!
May 25
Cumberland University, Edward Labry Hall
Lebanon, TN
www.jabecon.com

A-Kon
May 31 - June 2
Hilton Anatole Dallas
Dallas, TX
a-kon.com

Anime 2013
May 31 - June 2
World Forum
The Hague, Netherlands
www.animecon.nl

HamaCon
May 31 - June 2
Von Braun Center
Huntsville, AL
hama-con.com

ConCarolinas 2013
May 31-June 2
Charlotte Hilton University Place, Charlotte, NC
www.concarolinas.org

Knightrokon
June 1-2
University of Central Florida
Student Union
Orlando, FL
knightrokon.com

Wie.MAI.KAI
June 1-2
Bürgerhaus Kastel
Wiesbaden, Germany
www.wiemaikai.de

Colossalcon
June 6-9
Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Sandusky, OH
colossalcon.com

North Texas RPG Convention
June 6-9
DFW Airport Marriot South
Arlington, TX
ntrpgcon.com

AnimeNEXT
June 7-9
Garden State Exhibit Center
Somerset, NJ
www.animenext.org

Sci Fi Summer Con
June 7-9
Wyndam Atlanta NW Galleria Hotel, Atlanta, GA
sfscon.tripod.com

Con Kasterborous
June 8-9
Holiday Inn, Huntsville, AL
conkasterborous.com

Anime Mid-Atlantic
June 14-16
Chesapeake Conference Center
Chesapeake, VA
animemidatlantic.com

AniMegaCon
June 14-16
Riviera Casino and Hotel Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV
www.animegacon.com

Desucon
June 14-16
Sibelius Hall, Lahti, Finland
desucon.fi/desucon/

Mizucon
June 14-16
Sheraton Miami Airport Hotel and Executive Meeting Center
Miami, FL
www.mizucon.com

OMGcon
June 14-16
Julian Carroll Convention Center
Paducah, KY
www.omgcon.com

Hypericon
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Holiday Inn Express
Nashville, TN
www.hypericon.us

PortConMaine
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DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
South Portland, ME
portconmaine.com

Ancient City Con
June 21-23
Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
Jacksonville, FL
ancientcitycon.com

Anime Blues Con
June 21-23
Hilton Memphis
Memphis, TN
animeblues.com

SoDak Anime Convention
June 21-23
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
Rapid City, SD
www.sdcon.org

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June 22
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Medicine Hat, Alberta
www.mhfanroundup.com

BotCon
June 27-29
Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center
San Diego, CA
www.botcon.com/BotCon2013/

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Convention Schedule

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Cosplacon
June 27-30
Truman Hotel & Conference Center
Jefferson City, MO
cosplacon.squarespace.com

Animaritime
June 28-30
Fredericton Convention Centre
Fredericton
New Brunswick
animaritime.org

AniMinneapolis
June 28-30
DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington Minneapolis South
Bloomington, MN
animinneapolis.com

Hetalia Con!
June 28-30
Wyndham Indianapolis West
Indianapolis, IN
hetaliacon.weebly.com

Hoshicon
June 28-30
Winston-Salem Marriott
Winston-Salem, NC
www.hoshicon.org

Q-Con
June 28-30
Queen's University Belfast
Belfast, NI UK
q-con.org.uk

Seishun-Con
June 28-30
Hilton Atlanta Marietta Hotel & Conference Center, Atlanta, GA
seishun-con.com

Senshi Matsuri
June 30
Chelsea Studios, New York, NY
www.senshimatsuri.com

Japan Expo
July 4-8
Paris-Nord Villepinte, Paris, France
japan-expo.com

Anime Expo
July 4-7
Los Angeles Convention Center
Los Angeles, CA
www.anime-expo.org

Florida Supercon
July 4-7
Miami Airport Convention Center
Miami, FL
floridasupercon.com

Westercon
July 4-7
Hilton Arden West
Sacramento, CA
www.westercon66.org

Anime Midwest
July 5-7
Hyatt Regency O'Hare
Rosemont, IL
animemidwest.com

Anime Overload
July 5-7
Holiday Inn Austin Midtown
Austin, TX
animeoverload.net

London Film and Comic Con
July 5-7
Earls Court 2
London, UK
www.londonfilmandcomiccon.com

Ai-Kon
July 12-14
Winnipeg Convention Centre
Winnipeg, Manitoba
ai-kon.org

Anime Festival Wichita
July 12-14
Hyatt Regency Wichita
Wichita, KS
afwcon.org

Anime SouthEast
July 12-14
Sevierville Events Center
Sevierville, TN
animesoutheast.com

ConnectiCon
July 12-14
Connecticut Convention Center
Hartford, CT
connecticon.org

Delta H Con
July 12-14
Crowne Plaza Houston
Northwest Brookhollow
Houston, TX
deltahcon.com

Ikasucon
July 12-14
Grand Wayne Convention Center
Fort Wayne, IN
ikasucon.org

Eclectic Affair
July 12-14
Urbana Landmark Hotel
Urbana, IL
eclecticaffair.com

NemaCon
July 13
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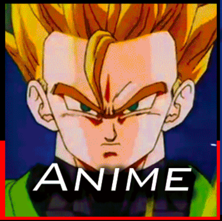

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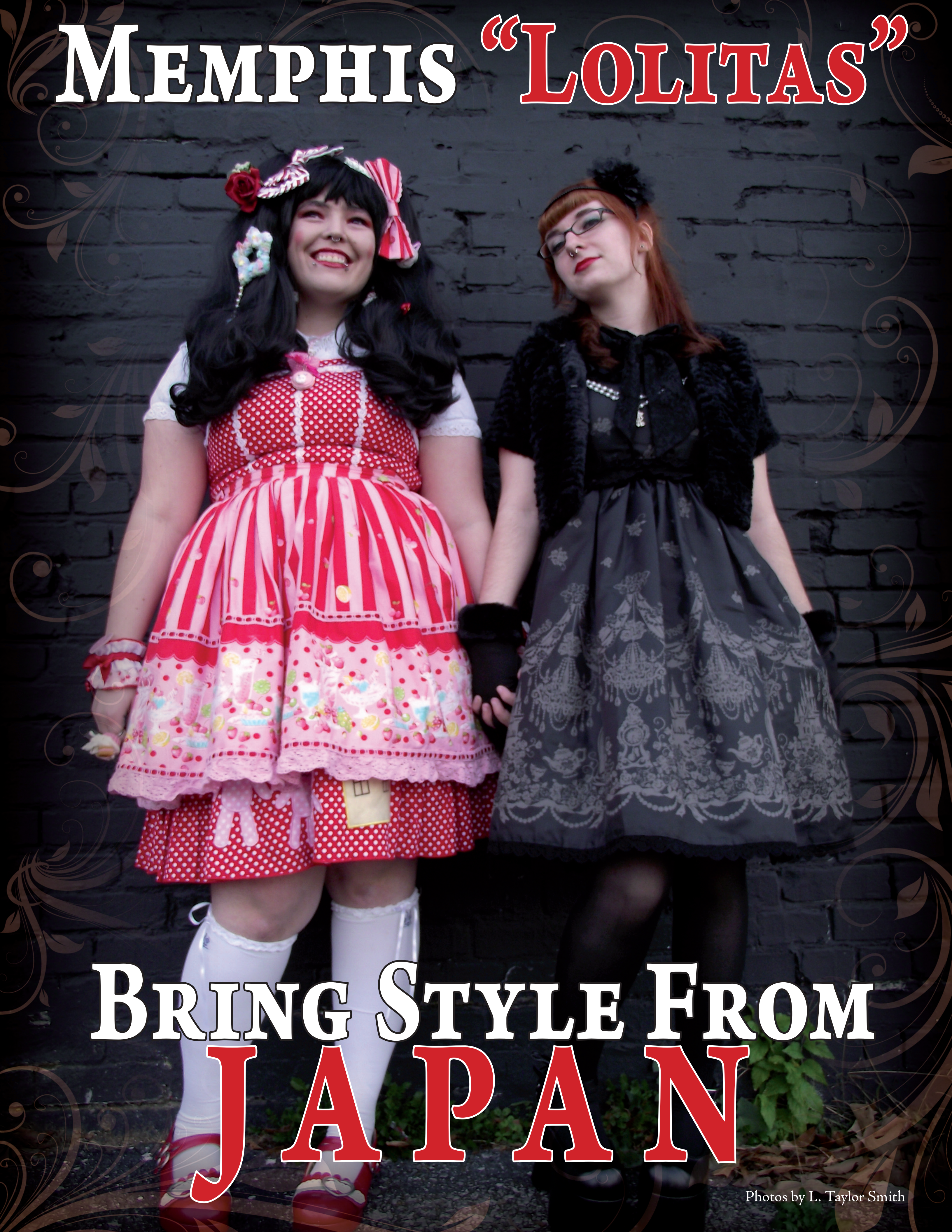


Photos by L. Taylor Smith

In modern culture, the name "Lolita" summons the image of a sexually precocious young girl straight from the pages of Vladimir Nabokov's controversial novel. But the fashion movement that goes by the same name is far from an attempt to imitate a promiscuous pubescent.

Since the 90's, the subculture from the streets of Japan has slowly spread to the Western half of the globe. Some believe the style based on Victorian and Rococo clothing is a reaction to an over-sexualized society and a regression back to modesty. For Morgan Smith, a junior art major at the University of Memphis, wearing Lolita is just another way to express her personality. She has been a Lolita — the term for followers of the fashion — for five years. Nearly every morning of her first two years of college she would wake up as early as possible and dress in beautifully patterned skirts with lacy hems, fluffy petticoats and ruffled blouses.

Now, however, she has had to stop wearing it daily to protect her delicate outfits from being ruined. And considering how much she has paid for her collection, it's shocking she doesn't keep them in a vault.

In total, she has spent $3,000 on skirts, dresses, stockings, blouses, petticoats, headpieces, wigs and jewelry.

"I've worked every day since I was 14," Smith said. "And I make some of my own dessert-motif rings and necklaces out of clay and silicone to save money."

With dresses costing between $150 and $300, it is easy to see how the costs can rack up, but another Lolita has Smith beat.

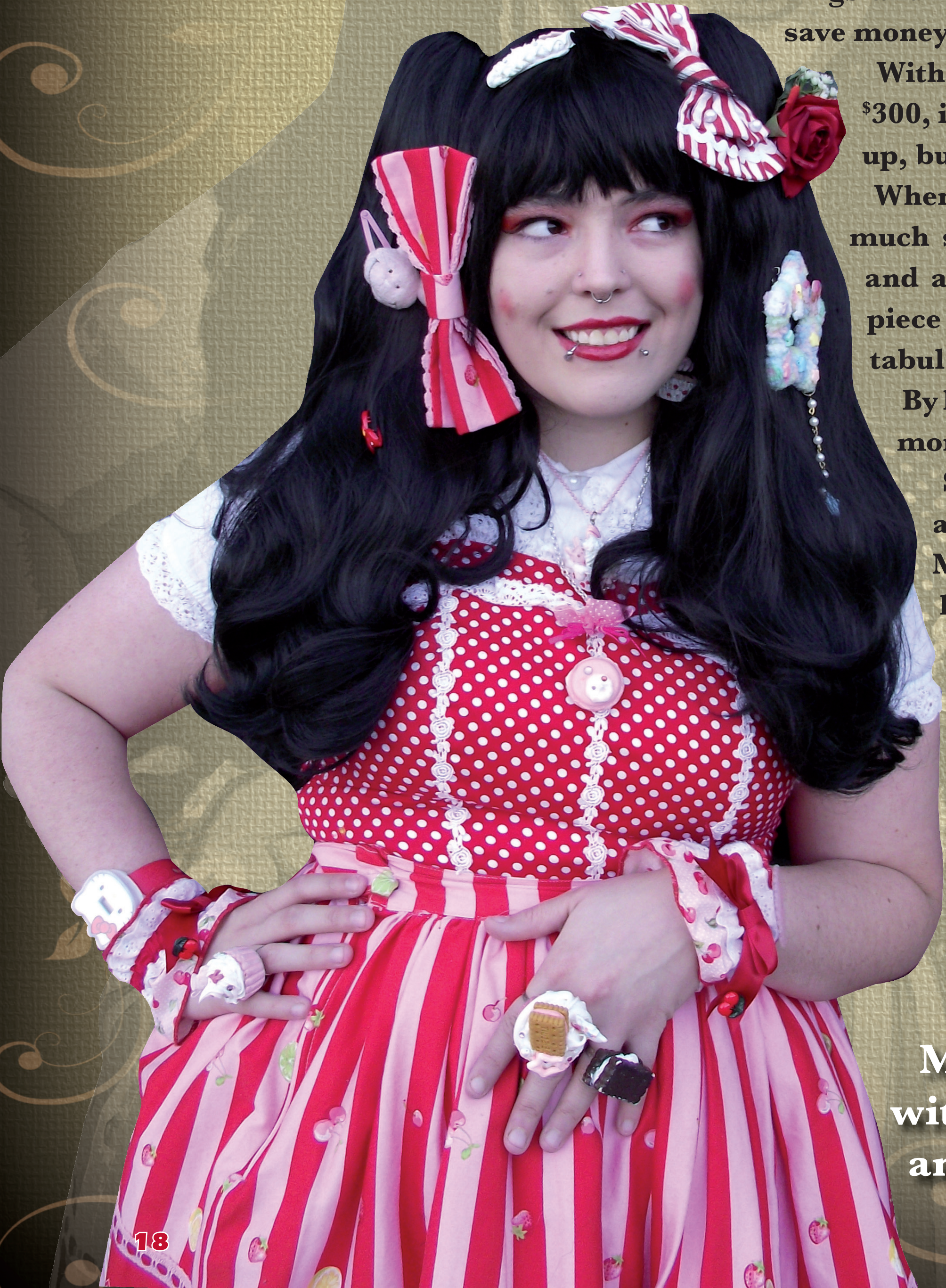
When Leah Barnes, 22, was asked how much she had spent on Lolita in the year and a half she has worn it, she needed a piece of paper, a pen and a half hour to tabulate the figure.

By her count, she has spent over $5,500 — more than semester's worth of tuition.

She first discovered Lolita through a Japanese rock band called Malice Mizer; one of the leading members has a line of Lolita clothing.

"It was too expensive then, but now I can afford it," Barnes, a medical laboratory technician, said.

The cost of Lolita is measured in more than dollars, though. Because of its obscurity and association with fetishism, some people respond to Lolitas with rudeness and some-



A "sweet" Lolita, Morgan Smith, acessorize with big bows, bright colors and "tasty" motif jewlery.

times outright sexual aggression.

"The fetishist aspect has caused problems for me," Smith said, emphasizing the word 'problem' but declining to elaborate. "When I wore it every day, I was harassed every day."

Barnes has suffered similarly.

"My worst experience was when three middle school kids in a Walmart parking lot shouted 'whore' at me," Barnes said. "They don't realize we're just normal people in different clothes."

To fend off some of the unwanted attention and to connect with like-minded people, some Lolitas form communities in their cities and towns.

"There are some girls who are too afraid to wear Lolita in public by themselves," Smith said. "So we meet up, decked out in our frillies and hang out together."

Although some time is spent talking about Lolita, the majority of the time is spent enjoying each other's company.

"I love it so much when we're sitting together in Lolita," Barnes said. "We might gossip about the latest dress for a little bit but then we'll get lunch and go see a movie or watch horror movies at someone's house."

But, as in any group, there are arguments. One continuing debate is the question of whether it is better to wear brand-name clothing or to wear replicas.

Smith chooses to wear replicas because there are more options for sizing.

"Even if I was thin, Western women tend to have broader shoulders than Japanese women, so it makes it more difficult to find my size if I only bought brand," Smith said. "Once you know your measurements and know them by heart, it's easier."

Victoria Law, sophomore Japanese major, has been wearing Lolita for less than a year, but she's already determined which side of the fence she's on.

"Some people can't afford or even find those pieces directly from the brand to begin with, so it's not so much a loss of a sale as it is the replicator profiting off a design they didn't create," Law said. "I prefer to buy off-brand things myself, but I won't deny some of the things I've purchased were probably influenced by a brand. As long as people are having fun and feel beautiful, I don't see a reason to have a problem." ❖ L. Taylor Smith (Originally published in the Daily Helmsman)

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AIC Plus+ ◆ March 16 ◆ Niconico Live

date-a-live-anime.com ◆ youtu.be/c4xH8yzY3Pw

Itsuka Shidō is a high school boy. On the last day of the spring holidays, an explosion destroys the town and a girl in armor appears in front of him. Shidō's sister-in-law, Kotori, tells him that the girl is called "Special Disasterous Designated Creature: Spirit." Kotori disclosed that she is the commander of the anti-spirit organization Ratatoskr and orders him to go out on a date with the spirit girl. Kotori says, "I don't ask you to beat the spirit. Just let her fall in love with you and save the world."

RDG: Red Data Girl

RDG レッドデータガール

P.A. Works ◆ March 16 ◆ Niconico Live

rdg-anime.jp ◆ youtu.be/D2pJawkanQo

A modern fantasy based on Japanese Shinto legends. Suzuhara Izumiko is a 15-year-old girl, who has been raised and protected in a shrine deep in the Kumano mountains. She is quite shy and destroys all the electric devices she touches. When she begins to think about going out of the mountains and moving to the city, her guardian Sagara Yukimasa recommends her to enter a high school in Tokyo and forces his son Miyuki to serve Izumiko for life.

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Ajia-do ◆ April 2 ◆ TV Tokyo

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LIDENFILMS ◆ April 3 ◆ TV Tokyo

www.tv-tokyo.co.jp/anime/aiura/

The story follows Amaya, Iwasawa and Uehara — three "annoying, spirited high school girls with zero motivation" — and their classmates. Their daily life is "what happens when there is nothing happening."

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Dansai Bunri no Crime Edge

断裁分離のクライムエッジ

Studio Gokumi • April 3 • Tokyo MX

crimeedge.com/ • youtu.be/A-wg9dM8adQ

Haimura Kiri is a seemingly ordinary boy obsessed with cutting other people's hair. One day he meets Mushiyanokōji Iwai, the "Hair Queen" who cannot cut her hair because of an inherited curse. Kiri finds out that his scissor, "Dansai Bunri no Crime Edge" is the only thing that can cut them. But little did he know that their meeting sparked the start of an old murder game to kill the "Hair Queen" using the cursed killing tools, the "Killing Goods."

Karneval

カーニヴァル

Manglobe • April 3 • ABC

karneval-anime.com • youtu.be/O7LxjCdr4PY

The journey of a boy named Nai, who is looking for someone important to him, with only an abandoned bracelet as a clue. He winds up partnered with a thief named Gareki, after the two of them meet in a strange mansion where they're set-up. Now on the run as wanted criminals by military security operatives, Nai and Gareki learn that the bracelet is actually an ID from the country's most powerful defense organization called "Circus."

Kuro Majo-san ga Tōru!! 2 (The Black Witch Appears!! 2)

黒魔女さんが通る!! 2

Shin-Ei Animation • April 3 • NHK-E

www.shin-ei-animation.jp/kuromajyo/

Second season of *Kuro Majo-san ga Tōru*. Kurotori Chiyoko, a 5th-grader in elementary school, loves the occult. One day, a friend requests her to do a love fortune-telling. Chiyoko tries to summon Cupid, but thanks to a stuffy nose, accidentally summons a witch named Gyubid instead!

Zettai Bōei Leviathan

絶対防衛レヴィアタン

GONZO • April 3 • TV Tokyo

leviathan-anime.net/ • youtu.be/6VvMM4dhYy0

Set in the fantasy world of Aquafall, bound with water and greenery, and populated by dragons and fairies. Meteorites suddenly bring forth evil creatures that threaten all living things on the planet. The fairy Syrup assembles the Aquafall Defense Force, with three girls of the dragon clans as recruits. The story follows Syrup and the dragon girls Leviathan, Bahamut, and Jörmungandr as they work together to battle enemies and grow up.

銀河機攻隊
マジェスティックプリンス

Ginga Kikōtai: Majestic Prince

銀河機攻隊 マジェスティックプリンス

Dogakobo • April 4 • Tokyo MX

mjp-anime.jp • youtu.be/AlZRHDbYYko

In the latter half of 21st century, humans leave the Earth and begin living in space. In order to adapt to the environment in space and deal with the hostile aliens in Jupiter, genetically engineered children called "Princes" are artificially raised and trained to be pilots of armed robots, AHSMB (Advanced High Standard Multipurpose Battle Device). This is a story about one of the teenage "Princes," Hitachi Izuru, who studies in an academic city Grandzehle.

Spring Season

Hataraku Maō-sama!

はたらく魔王さま!
White Fox ◆ April 4 ◆ Tokyo MX
maousama.jp ◆ youtu.be/dDnslncTIfs
Devil King Sadao is only one step away from conquering the world when he is beaten by Hero Emilia and forced to drift to the other world: modern-day Tōkyō. As "conquering the world" are the only skills the Devil King possesses — and are obviously unnecessary in his new situation — he must work as a freeter to pay for his living expenses!

DEVIL SURVIVOR 2
THE ANIMATION

Shin Megami Tensei: Devil Survivor 2: The Animation

女神異聞録デビルサバイバー2 THE ANIMATION
Bridge ◆ April 4 ◆ MBS
ds2a.jp ◆ youtu.be/yrgO08drKLQ
Devil Survivor 2 begins with Hibiki Kuze and Daichi, returning from a mock exam, along with Io. They receive an email on their cellphones from *Nicaea*, a website that forewarns its users of disasters or their own death. The email contains a video showing them dying from a freak subway accident. As soon as they enabled the applications on their cellphone, more demons appeared, apparently wanting to kill them. Hibiki, with Daichi and Io, defeat the demons and become Devil Summoners.

Suisei no Gargantia (Gargantia on the Verdurous Planet)

翠星のガルガンティア
Production I.G ◆ April 4 ◆ Tokyo MX
gargantia.jp
In the distant future in the far reaches of the galaxy, the Human Galactic Alliance has been constantly fighting for its survival against a grotesque race of beings called "Hidiaazu." During an intense battle, the young Lieutenant Redo and his humanoid mobile weapon Chamber, are swallowed up into a distortion of time and space. Waking from his artificially induced hibernation, Redo realizes that he has arrived on Earth, the planet on the lost frontier.

やはり俺の青春ラブコメはまちがっている。

Yahari Ore no Seishun Love Come wa Machigatteiru. (My Youth Romantic Comedy is Wrong as I Expected.)

やはり俺の青春ラブコメはまちがっている。
Brains Base ◆ April 4 ◆ TBS
www.tbs.co.jp/anime/oregairu/
This romantic comedy revolves around an antisocial high school student named Hikigaya Hachiman with a distorted view on life and no friends or girlfriends. A teacher gets Hachiman to join the volunteer service club, which happens to have the school's prettiest girl, Yukinoshita Yukino.

百花繚乱
サムライブライド

Hyakka Ryōran: Samurai Bride

百花繚乱 サムライブライド
Arms ◆ April 5 ◆ AT-X
www.hyakka-ryoran.tv ◆ youtu.be/h4U_WMvRVsQ
Second season of *Hyakka Ryōran: Samurai Girls*. The series takes place in an alternate version of Japan called Great Japan, in an alternate timeline where the Tokugawa shogunate remained active and has remained isolated from the rest of the world. The story takes place at Buō Academic School, an academy located at the base of Mount Fuji where children of military families train to become samurai warriors.

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Photo Kano

フォトカノ

Madhouse Studios • April 5 • TBS

www.tbs.co.jp/anime/photokano/

The story revolves around the male protagonist, Kazuya Maeda, who just got a DSLR camera from his dad and start to develop photography as his new hobby…taking pictures of girls.

Jewelpet Happiness

ジュエルペット ハッピネス

Studio Comet • April 6 • TV Tokyo

www.jewelpet.jp

The story will center around Chiari, a third-year middle school girl who lives in a world where Jewelpets and humans live side-by-side. Chiari attends Jewel Academy. This is a spin-off *Jewelpet Kira☆Deco*.

Uta no☆Prince-sama♪ Maji Love 2000%

うたの☆プリンスさまっ♪ マジLOVE2000%

A-1 Pictures • April 5 • Tokyo MX

utapri.tv

The 2nd season of the TV anime series *Uta no Prince-sama: Maji Love 1000%* continues the 2011 anime series created by studio A-1 Pictures, based on a bishōnen visual novel game by Broccoli, originally released for the PSP in 2010. In this slapstick romantic comedy, a girl goes to a school for the performing arts with boys who are budding idols and share one purpose: to sign with a production company and make their debut.

俺の妹がこんなに可愛いわけがない。

Ore no Imōto ga Konna ni Kawaii Wake ga Nai. Dai 2-ki (My Little Sister Can't Be This Cute 2)

俺の妹がこんなに可愛いわけがない。

A-1 Pictures • April 6 • Tokyo MX

www.oreimo-anime.com • youtu.be/cYrHPyGxjwE

The second season of *OreImo*. Kyōsuke Kōsaka, a normal high school student, has not gotten along with his younger sister Kirino in years. For longer than he can remember, Kirino has ignored his comings and goings. One day however, Kyōsuke finds a DVD case of a magical girl anime which had fallen in his house's entrance way. To Kyōsuke's surprise, he finds a hidden eroge (an adult game) inside the case and he soon learns that both the DVD and the game belong to Kirino.

Namiuchigiwa no Muromi-san (Muromi-san on the Shore)

波打際のむろみさん

Tatsunoko • April 6 • Tokyo MX

www.starchild.co.jp/special/muromisan/

Mukōjima Takurō is a lonely teenager who spends his time fishing at the pier and, to his incredible surprise, fishes up Muromi, a mermaid. Muromi first off doesn't realize she's a mermaid until she meets Takurō. Not only that, she is incredibly dense, crazy and has a drinking problem to top it off. Now every time Takurō goes fishing, Muromi appears and makes life interesting for him.

Spring Season

Pretty Rhythm: Rainbow Live

プリティーリズムレインボーライブ

Tatsunoko, DongWoo Animation ⬩ April 6 ⬩ TV Tokyo

www.tv-tokyo.co.jp/anime/prettyrhythm/rl/

Naru Ayase is an 8th grader who can see the colors of music when she listens to it. One day, she finds out that the manager of a newly-opened shop is recruiting middle school girls who can do Prism Dance and immediately applies. Naru begins to Prism Dance at the audition and an aura she's never experienced spreads out in front of her. At that moment, a mysterious girl named Rinne asks her if she can see "rainbow music."

進撃の巨人
attack on titan

Shingeki no Kyōjin (Attack on Titan)

進撃の巨人

Wit Studio ⬩ April 6 ⬩ MBS

shingeki.tv ⬩ youtu.be/KKzmOh4SuBc

Several hundred years ago, humans were nearly exterminated by giants. Giants are typically several stories tall, seem to have no intelligence, devour human beings and, worst of all, seem to do it for the pleasure rather than as a food source. A small percentage of humanity survived by walling themselves in a city protected by extremely high walls, even taller than the biggest of giants.

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Yondemasu yo, Azazel-san. 2nd Season (You're Being Summoned, Azazel-san. 2)

よんでますよ、アザゼルさん。

Production I.G ✦ April 6 ✦ Tokyo MX

kc.kodansha.co.jp/azazel/

The second season of *Yondemasu yo, Azazel-san.*

這いよれ!ニャル子さんW

Haiyore! Nyaruko-san W (Nyarko-san: Another Crawling Chaos W)

這いよれ!ニャル子さん W

Xebec ✦ April 7 ✦ TV Tokyo

nyaruko.com ✦ nyaruko.com/movie/movie.html

Second season of *Haiyore! Nyaruko-san*. Nyaruko, a formless Cthulhu-deity of chaos (Nyarlathotep) who can take on the shape of a seemingly ordinary silver-haired girl. Mahiro Yasaka is a normal high school boy who is being chased by a fearsome black alien one night, until Nyaruko saves him. She explains that the creatures from H. P. Lovecraft's works are actually races of aliens, and that she has been sent to Earth to protect him from being kidnapped by an alien trafficker.

Arata Kangatari (Arata: The Legend)

アラタ カンガタリ ~革神語~

Satelight, JM Animation ✦ April 8 ✦ TV Tokyo

arata-anime.com

Every 30 years, a new princess is chosen from the Hime family to serve the Hayagami. Records state not a single female has been born, save for one, the 15-year-old Arata. The only problem is, Arata is actually a male! Forced to disguise himself and take the place of the princess candidate until a formal one can be found. He witnesses the current princess, Kokuri-hime, murdered. As he runs for his life, Kannagi of the 12 convinces everyone that Arata is the one who has murdered the princess instead.

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www.hayate-project.com

Hayate no Gotoku! (Hayate the Combat Butler)

ハヤテのごとく!

Manglobe ✦ April 8 ✦ TV Tokyo

www.hayate-project.com

The 4th season of the indebted Hayate's job as a butler serving under the rich girl Nagi, performing both his duties as a butler and protecting her from harm, all the while suffering romantic interest, both from her and several other girls.

Mushibugyō

ムシブギョー 蟲奉行

Seven Arcs Pictures ✦ April 8 ✦ TV Tokyo

www.mushibugyo.jp

Set in Edo-era Tōkyō in the early 1700s, the eighth shōgun Tokugawa Yoshimune ordered boxes to be installed so commoners can submit their thoughts. After hearing their voices, the shogun creates a new magistrate unit — Mushibugyō — to protect the people in the heart of the city. Each member is a specialist with unique fighting skills.

Winter Season

Yuyushiki

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Kinema Citrus • April 9 • Tokyo MX

www.yuyushiki.net • youtu.be/d_ECoowxvdA

The manga follows the school life of three girls in the data processing club — Yuzuko, Yukari, and Yui.

Kakumeiki Valvrave (Valvrave the Liberator)

革命機ヴァルヴレイヴ

Sunrise • April 12 • MBS

www.valvrave.com • youtu.be/CbqlKx7pesM

Shinreki 71, 70% all human beings have finally migrated to space due to the development of space cities. Between two organizations called the Dorushia Military Pact Federation and the Atlantic Ring United States (ARUS), is a small neutral nation called Jiōru that has prospered economically. In the same year, Haruto Tokishima, a high school student living in Jiōru discovered a mysterious mecha called Valvrave during the Dorushia's attack in the nation.

とある科学の超電磁砲S

Toaru Kagaku no Railgun S (A Certain Scientific Railgun S)

とある科学の超電磁砲S

J.C. Staff • April 12 • Tokyo MX

www.project-railgun.net

The second season will focus on "The Sisters Arc." Lasting only a single volume in the *Toaru Majutsu no Index* light novels, it was later expanded greatly in the *Toaru Kagaku no Railgun* manga. The arc focuses on the ordeals of Mikoto Misaka after discovering the existence of the Radio Noise sisters that are being used in the Level 6 Shift, an experiment where they are killed in order for the highest-ranking Level 5, Accelerator, can achieve Level 6.

変態王子と笑わない猫。

Hentai Ōji to Warawanai Neko. (The "Hentai" Prince and the Stony Cat)

変態王子と笑わない猫。

J.C. Staff • April 13 • J.C. Staff

www.henneko.jp • youtu.be/Wo5W_N7eQMU

Yōto Yokodera is always thinking about his carnal desires, but no one acknowledges him as a pervert. He learns about a cat statue that supposedly grants wishes. The boy goes to pray that he will be able to express his lustful thoughts whenever and wherever he wants. At the statue, Yōto encounters Tsukiko Tsutsukakushi, a girl from his high school with her own wish — that she would not display her real intentions so readily.

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Royal Blue Cosplay

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Cat aka PeriwinkleBlue

There are four main members of Royal Blue Cosplay: PeriwinkleBlue, AzureBlue, CeruleanBlue, and TurquoiseBlue. Before Royal Blue was even formed, these four ladies have been cosplaying at very young ages. Whether it was just at 3 years old as Chibiusa from *Sailor Moon* (TurquoiseBlue) or Disney's *Snow White* (PeriwinkleBlue), or as *Final Fantasy* 8 characters in elementary school (PeriwinkleBlue and AzureBlue), to Anise Tatlin from *Tales of the Abyss* at 14 years old (CeruleanBlue) there was nothing that could stop these young ladies from cosplaying.

The love of cosplay started with their love of anime. At such the young age of 3 for TurquoiseBlue it was the idea that she wanted to be Chibiusa, because what little kid doesn't want to be their favorite character on their favorite show? This was mainly able to happen because of her mother's full support and sewing talents. It was the same situation for PeriwinkleBlue. Both of them were born in Japan,

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Meghan aka AzureBlue

Cosplay Credits:

Cosplay Group — Royal Blue Cosplay
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Cat aka PeriwinkleBlue — Yuna from *Final Fantasy X*
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Maricel aka TurquoiseBlue — Rikku from *Final Fantasy X*
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Erica aka CeruleanBlue

and the influence of its culture stayed with them. The glue that brought TurquoiseBlue, PeriwinkleBlue, and CeruleanBlue together was AzureBlue. TurquoiseBlue and AzureBlue were childhood buddies that started because they were neighbors, and soon enough AzureBlue would be like a little sister to her. So, TurquoiseBlue was the initial cause that led to AzureBlue being interested in anime and gaming. Then in elementary school AzureBlue met PeriwinkleBlue and together they shared and explored their love of anime, manga, gaming, and cosplay. AzureBlue's first cosplay of Sasami from Tenchi Muyo was actually borrowed from TurquoiseBlue, and AzureBlue wore it the first time she went to Anime Expo with PeriwinkleBlue. During middle school, AzureBlue met CeruleanBlue whom already had a strong background of gaming and sewing. AzureBlue introduced her to anime and cosplay and from there she was sold. Together AzureBlue, CeruleanBlue, and PeriwinkleBlue formed what was the beginning of Royal Blue Cosplay.

Just as anime was introduced to these ladies at a young age so was the gaming world thanks to the influence of older siblings. CeruleanBlue's platform started off with mainly Blizzard PC games and *Super Smash Bros* because of her older brothers and uncle. TurquoiseBlue started with Atari, Sega Genesis, the multiple platforms of Nintendo and then Sony's Playstation because of her older sister and oldest brother. While growing up she introduced the world of gaming to AzureBlue starting with the Playstation. For PeriwinkleBlue, it was mainly due to her older brother, and she started off with games like *Pokémon*, *Legend of Zelda*, and more on Nintendo's Gameboy and N64. Today all of them interchange their gaming time on the Nintendo 3DS, Xbox 360, Playstation 3, and PC games. So, when these girls are not watching anime, reading manga, or rarely posting on social media you can be sure they have been engulfed by the gaming world — especially CeruleanBlue.

Cosplay is what brings their love of gaming and anime together. They all make their entire cosplay from scratch and are great prop makers, yet each 'Blue' has her own specialty: AzureBlue and CeruleanBlue are the amazing sewers, PeriwinkleBlue is the incredible artist (and is especially talented with paint as her medium), and TurquoiseBlue is the make-up

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Maricel aka TurquoiseBlue

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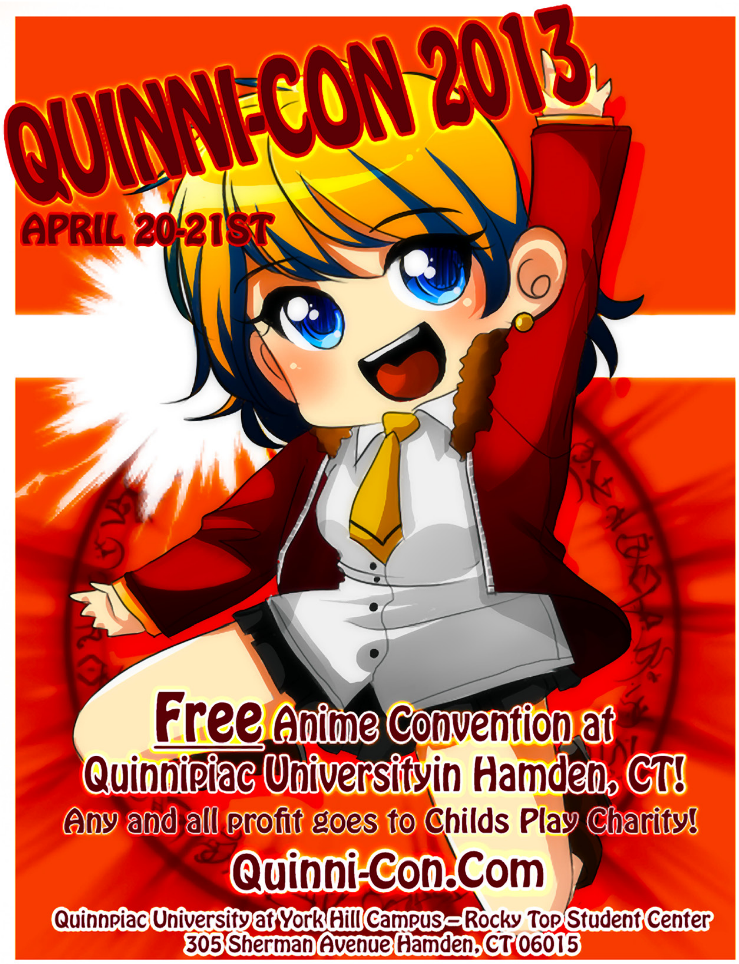
artist and wig stylist. They generally attend summer conventions in southern California. PeriwinkleBlue, AzureBlue, and TurquoiseBlue's first convention was Anime Expo (AX)when it was stationed in Anaheim, CA. Since then they have been faithful AX con-goers. CeruleanBlue's first convention was when AX first moved to the Los Angeles Convention Center. Recently they have been slowly expanding to other conventions such as Comic-Con San Diego, Animé LA, AM2 and hopefully more. And, if by chance you do meet them at a convention and they are not in cosplay you just might see them in Lolita fashion. ❖



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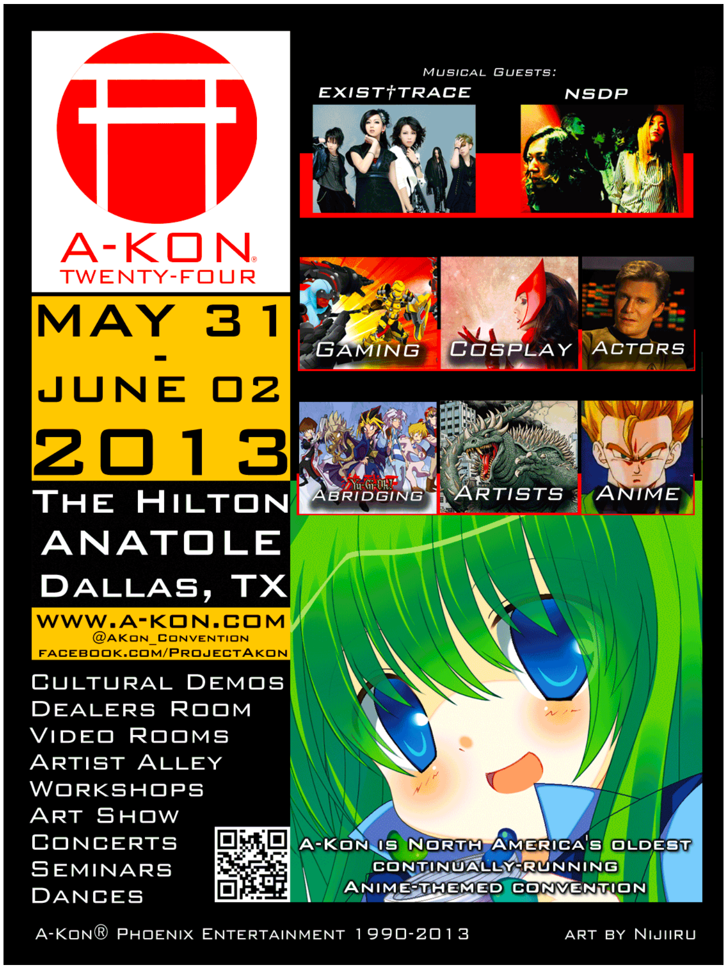

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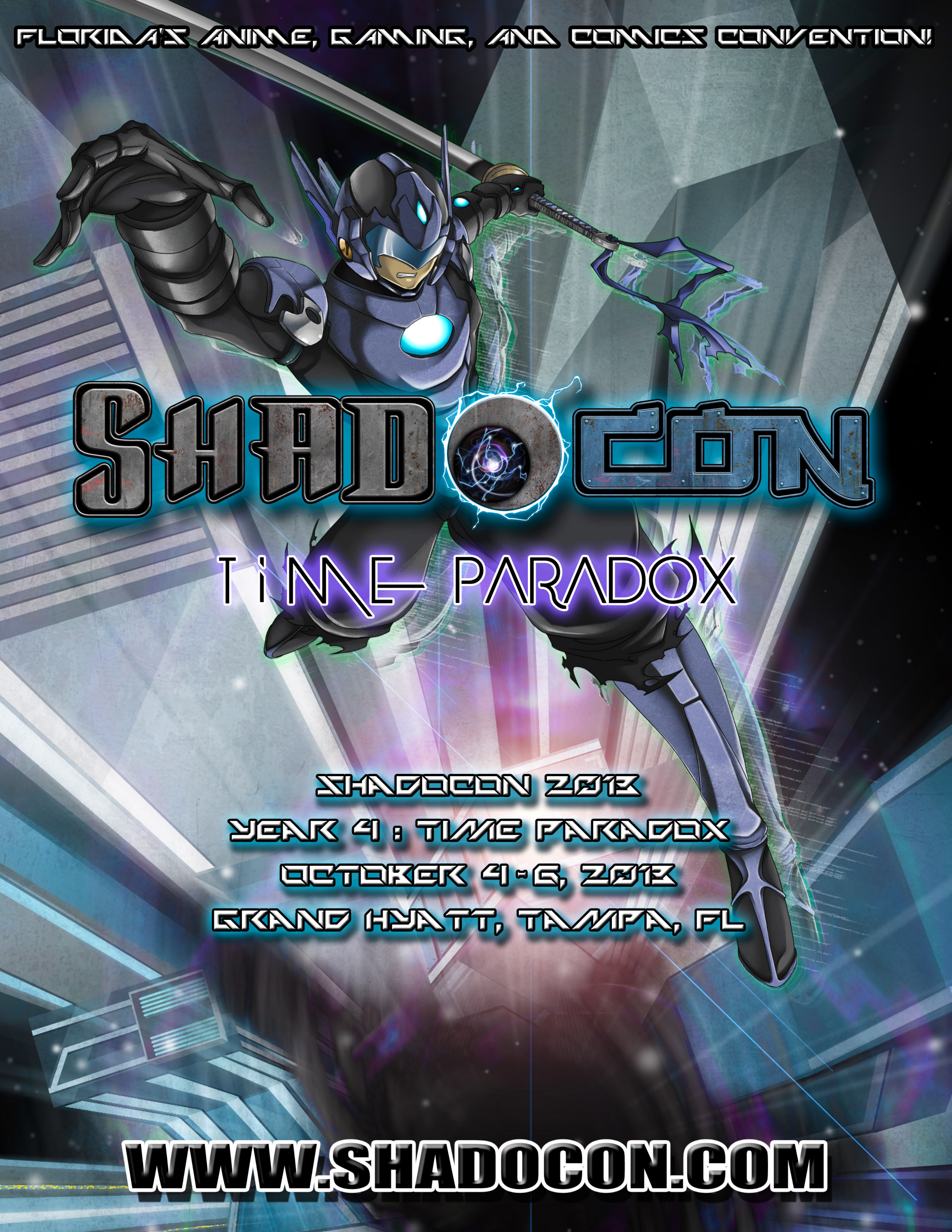
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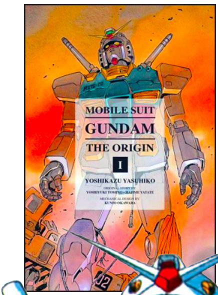

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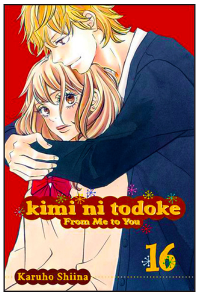

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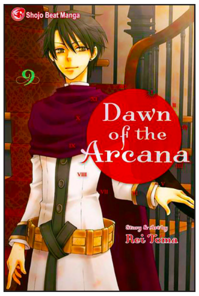

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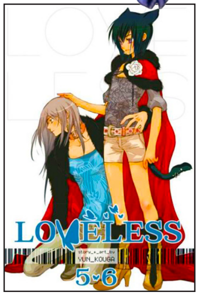

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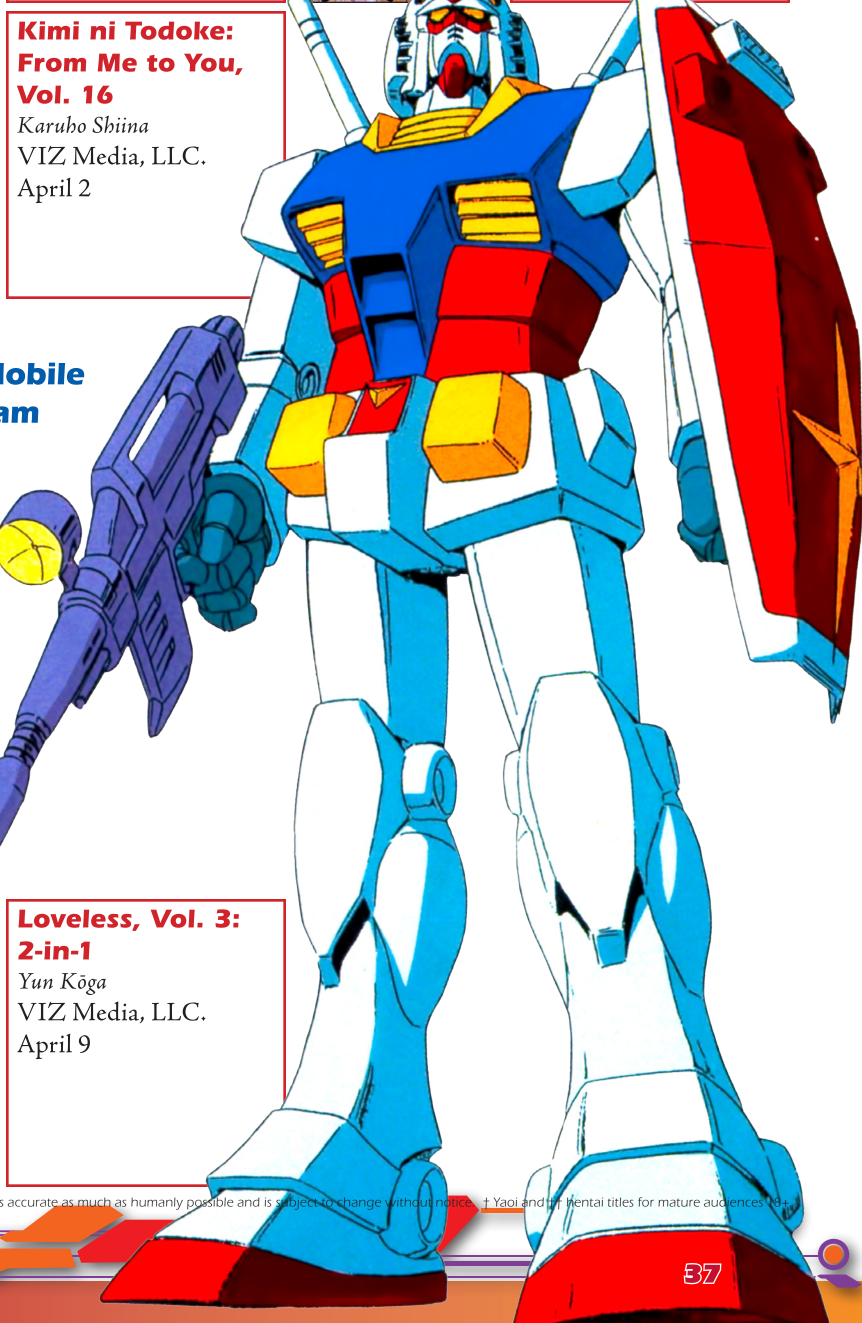

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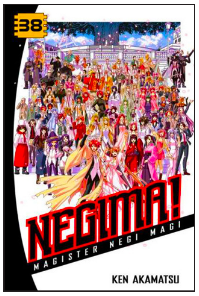

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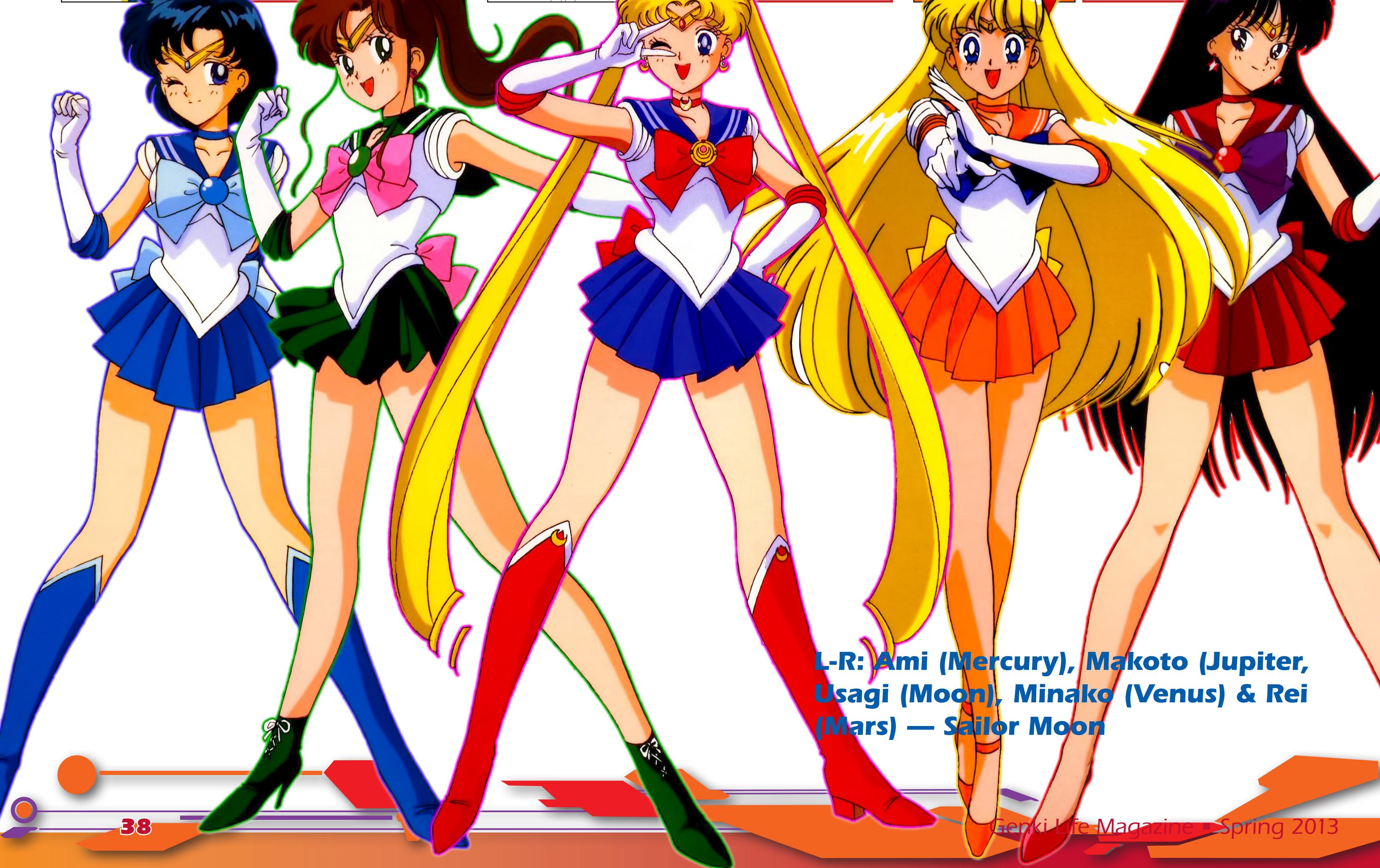

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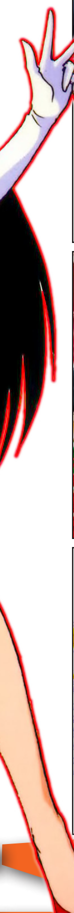

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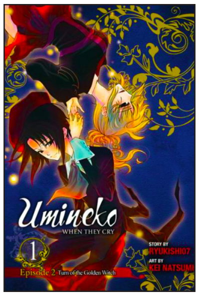

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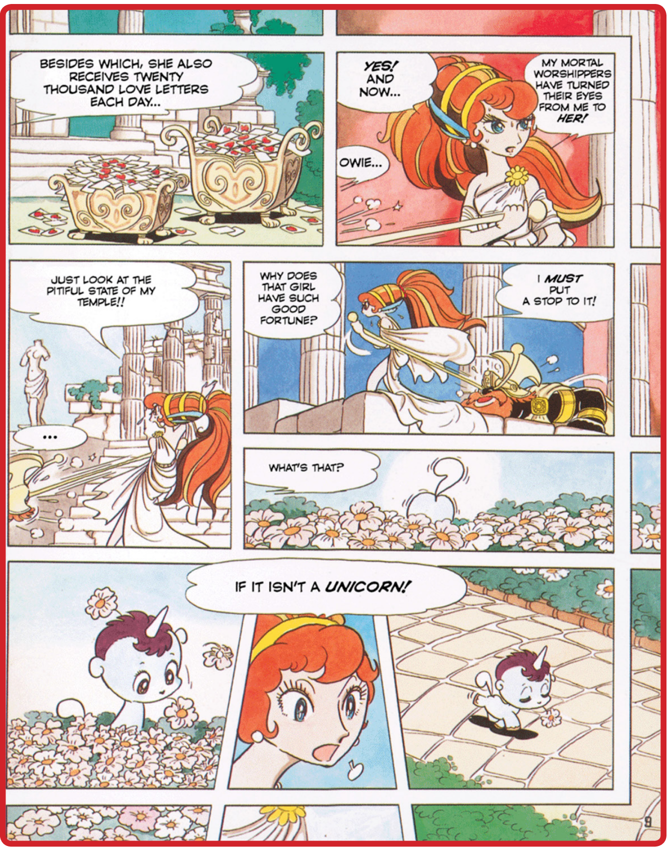
BESIDES WHICH, SHE ALSO RECEIVES TWENTY THOUSAND LOVE LETTERS EACH DAY...
MY MORTAL WORSHIPPERS HAVE TURNED THEIR EYES FROM ME TO *HER!*
YES! AND NOW...
OWIE...
I *MUST* PUT A STOP TO IT!
WHY DOES THAT GIRL HAVE SUCH GOOD FORTUNE?
JUST LOOK AT THE PITIFUL STATE OF MY TEMPLE!!
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WHAT'S THAT?
IF IT ISN'T A *UNICORN!*
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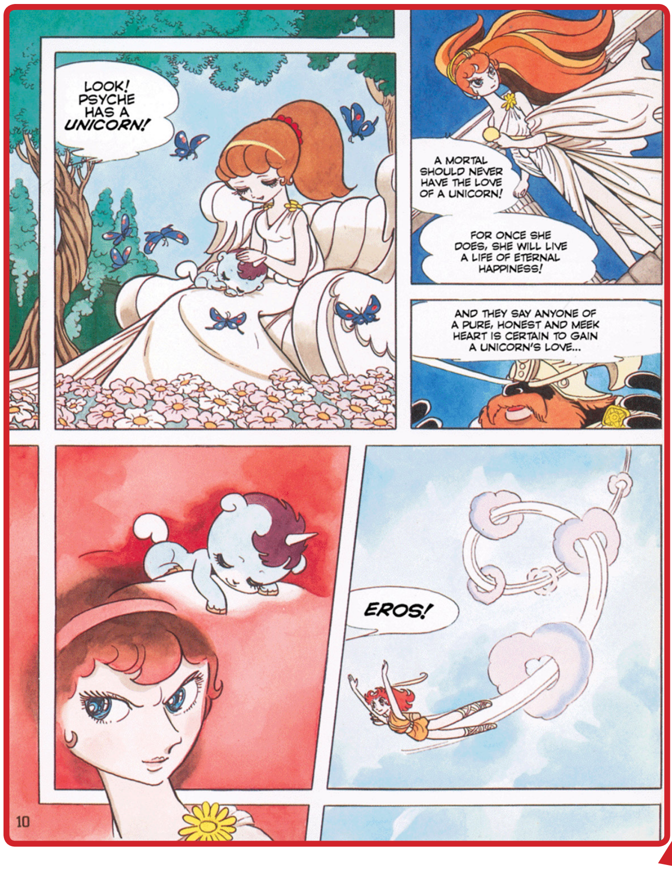
A MORTAL SHOULD NEVER HAVE THE LOVE OF A UNICORN!
FOR ONCE SHE DOES, SHE WILL LIVE A LIFE OF ETERNAL HAPPINESS!
AND THEY SAY ANYONE OF A PURE, HONEST AND MEEK HEART IS CERTAIN TO GAIN A UNICORN'S LOVE...
LOOK! PSYCHE HAS A *UNICORN!*
EROS!
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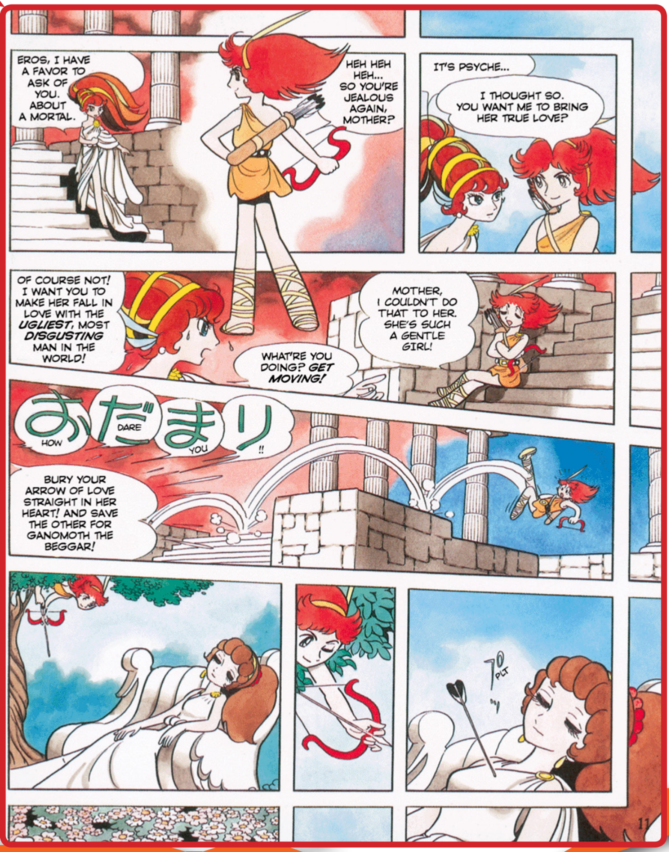
HEH HEH HEH... SO YOU'RE JEALOUS AGAIN, MOTHER?
EROS, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU. ABOUT A MORTAL.
IT'S PSYCHE...
I THOUGHT SO. YOU WANT ME TO BRING HER TRUE LOVE?
MOTHER, I COULDN'T DO THAT TO HER. SHE'S SUCH A GENTLE GIRL!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? *GET MOVING!*
OF COURSE NOT! I WANT YOU TO MAKE HER FALL IN LOVE WITH THE *UGLIEST,* MOST *DISGUSTING* MAN IN THE WORLD!
おだまり HOW DARE YOU!!
BURY YOUR ARROW OF LOVE STRAIGHT IN HER HEART! AND SAVE THE OTHER FOR GANOMOTH THE BEGGAR!
PLT
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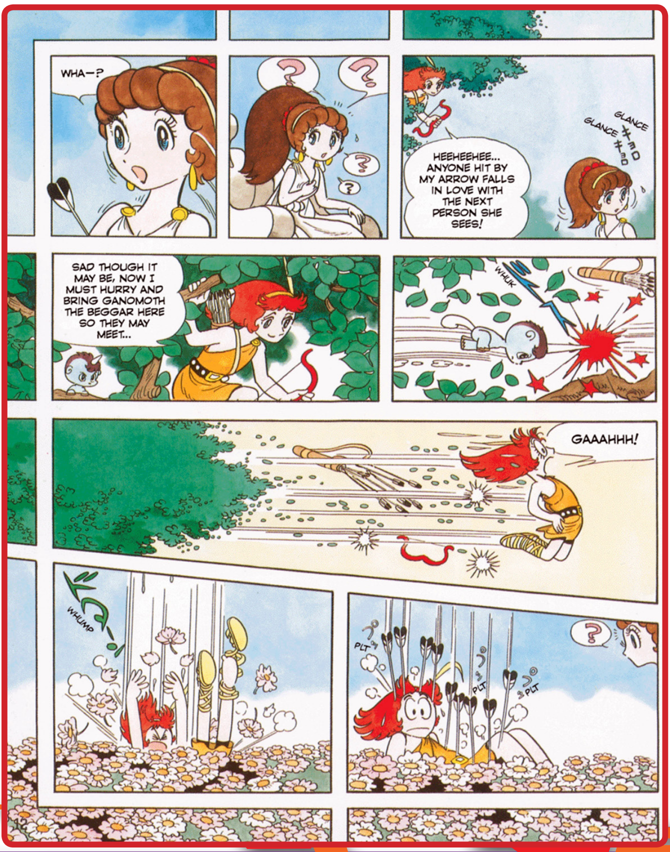
HEEHEEHEE... ANYONE HIT BY MY ARROW FALLS IN LOVE WITH THE NEXT PERSON SHE SEES!
GLANCE キョロ GLANCE キョロ
?
WHA—?
WHUK
SAD THOUGH IT MAY BE, NOW I MUST HURRY AND BRING GANOMOTH THE BEGGAR HERE SO THEY MAY MEET...
GAAAHHH!
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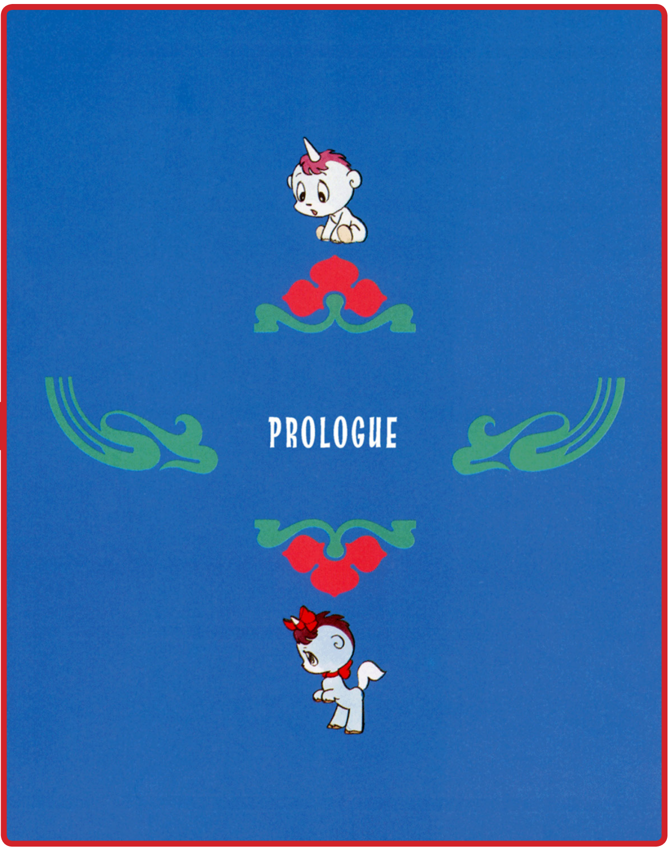

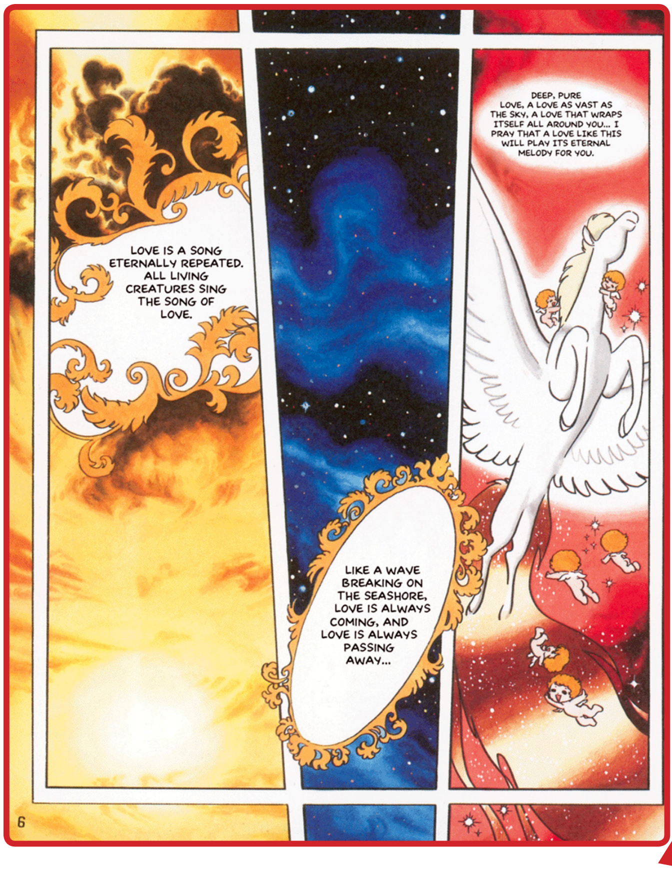
LOVE IS A SONG ETERNALLY REPEATED. ALL LIVING CREATURES SING THE SONG OF LOVE.
LIKE A WAVE BREAKING ON THE SEASHORE, LOVE IS ALWAYS COMING, AND LOVE IS ALWAYS PASSING AWAY...
DEEP, PURE LOVE, A LOVE AS VAST AS THE SKY, A LOVE THAT WRAPS ITSELF ALL AROUND YOU... I PRAY THAT A LOVE LIKE THIS WILL PLAY ITS ETERNAL MELODY FOR YOU.
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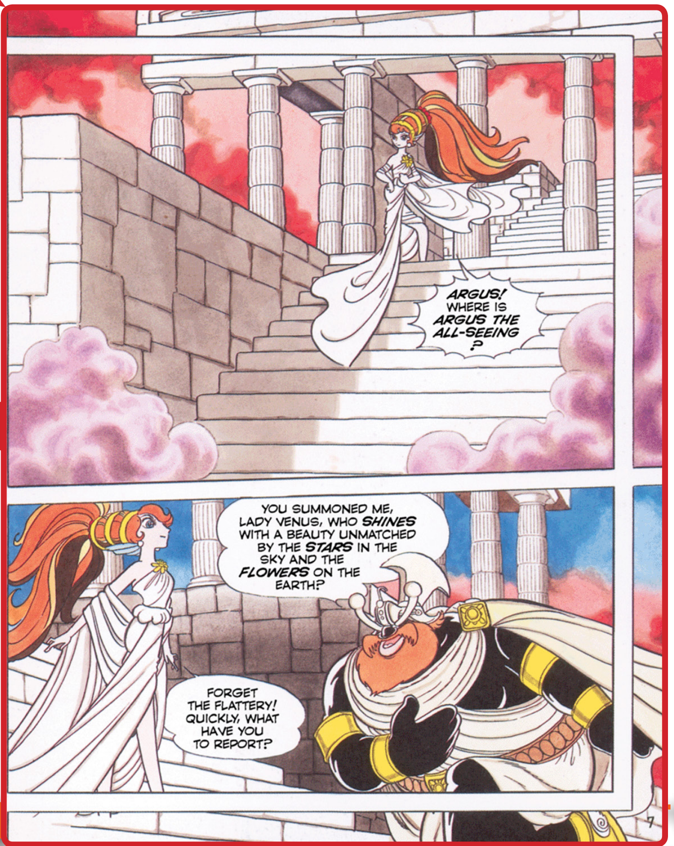
ARGUS! WHERE IS ARGUS THE ALL-SEEING ?
YOU SUMMONED ME, LADY VENUS, WHO SHINES WITH A BEAUTY UNMATCHED BY THE STARS IN THE SKY AND THE FLOWERS ON THE EARTH?
FORGET THE FLATTERY! QUICKLY, WHAT HAVE YOU TO REPORT?
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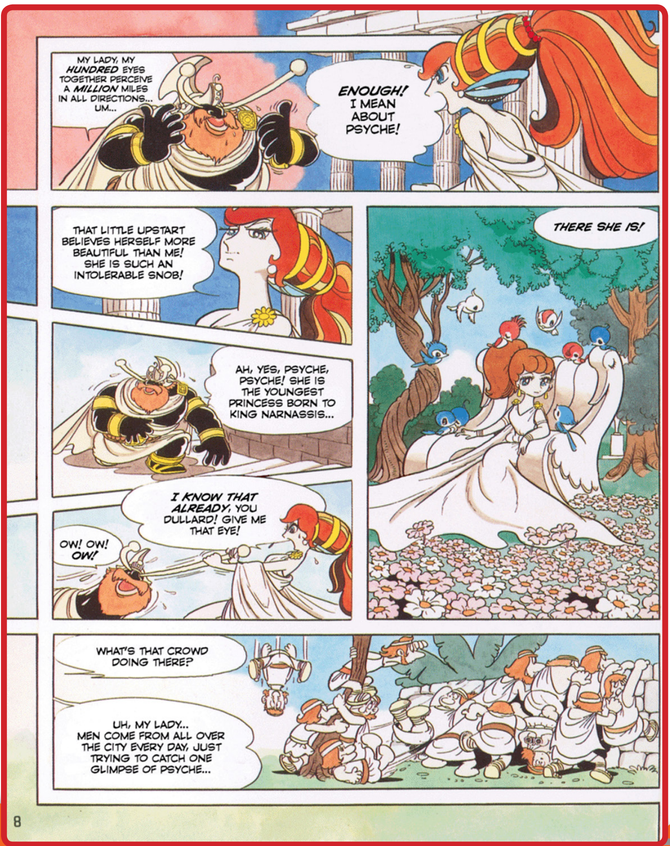
MY LADY, MY HUNDRED EYES TOGETHER PERCEIVE A MILLION MILES IN ALL DIRECTIONS... UM...
ENOUGH! I MEAN ABOUT PSYCHE!
THAT LITTLE UPSTART BELIEVES HERSELF MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN ME! SHE IS SUCH AN INTOLERABLE SNOB!
AH, YES, PSYCHE, PSYCHE! SHE IS THE YOUNGEST PRINCESS BORN TO KING NARNASSIS...
I KNOW THAT ALREADY, YOU DULLARD! GIVE ME THAT EYE!
OW! OW! OW!
THERE SHE IS!
WHAT'S THAT CROWD DOING THERE?
UH, MY LADY... MEN COME FROM ALL OVER THE CITY EVERY DAY, JUST TRYING TO CATCH ONE GLIMPSE OF PSYCHE...
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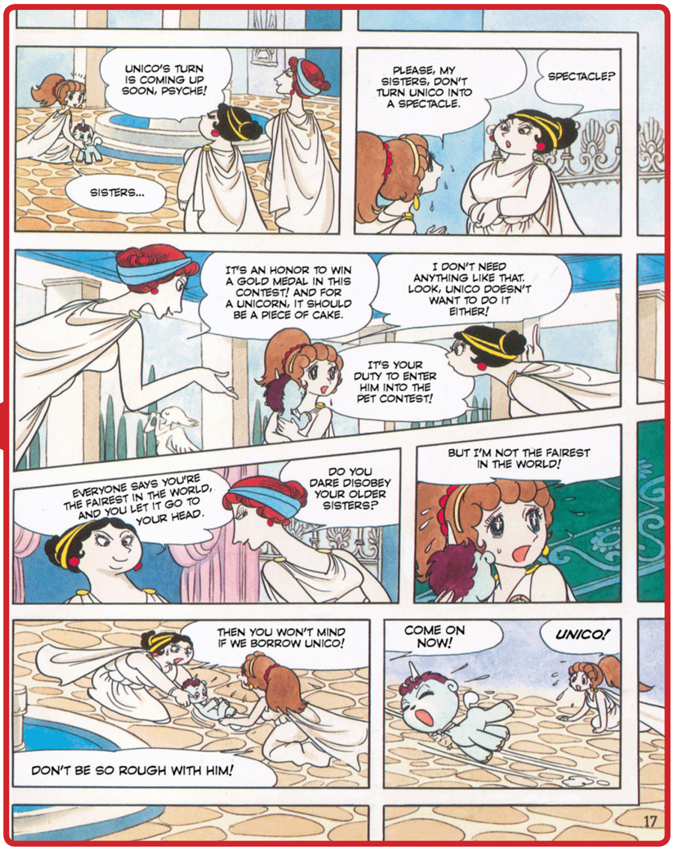
UNICO'S TURN IS COMING UP SOON, PSYCHE!
SISTERS...
PLEASE, MY SISTERS, DON'T TURN UNICO INTO A SPECTACLE.
SPECTACLE?
IT'S AN HONOR TO WIN A GOLD MEDAL IN THIS CONTEST! AND FOR A UNICORN, IT SHOULD BE A PIECE OF CAKE.
I DON'T NEED ANYTHING LIKE THAT. LOOK, UNICO DOESN'T WANT TO DO IT EITHER!
IT'S YOUR DUTY TO ENTER HIM INTO THE PET CONTEST!
EVERYONE SAYS YOU'RE THE FAIREST IN THE WORLD, AND YOU LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD.
DO YOU DARE DISOBEY YOUR OLDER SISTERS?
BUT I'M NOT THE FAIREST IN THE WORLD!
THEN YOU WON'T MIND IF WE BORROW UNICO!
DON'T BE SO ROUGH WITH HIM!
COME ON NOW!
UNICO!
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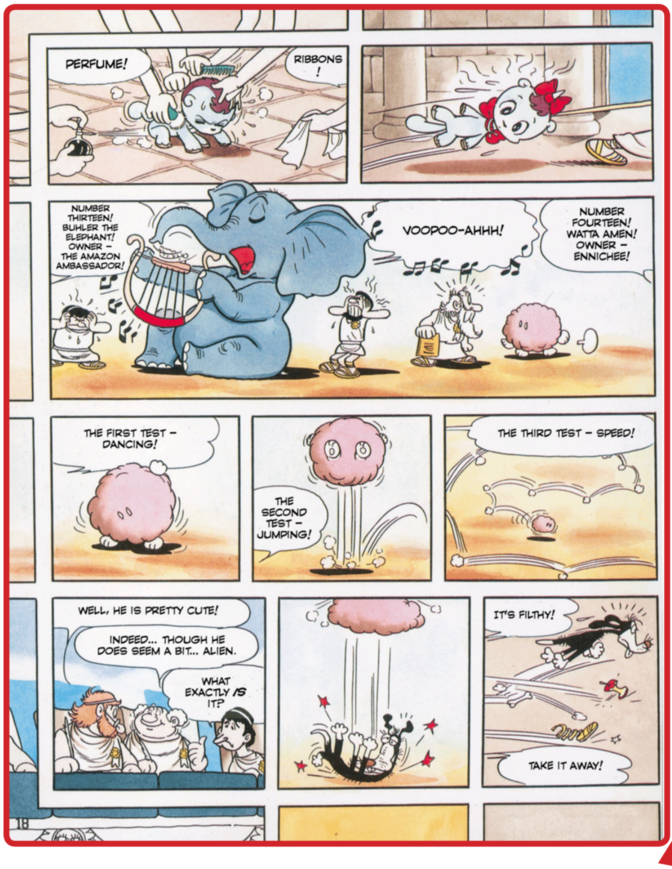
PERFUME!
RIBBONS!
NUMBER THIRTEEN! BUHLER THE ELEPHANT! OWNER – THE AMAZON AMBASSADOR!
VOOPOO-AHHH!
NUMBER FOURTEEN! WATTA AMEN! OWNER – ENNICHEE!
THE FIRST TEST – DANCING!
THE SECOND TEST – JUMPING!
THE THIRD TEST – SPEED!
WELL, HE IS PRETTY CUTE!
INDEED... THOUGH HE DOES SEEM A BIT... ALIEN.
WHAT EXACTLY IS IT?
IT'S FILTHY!
TAKE IT AWAY!
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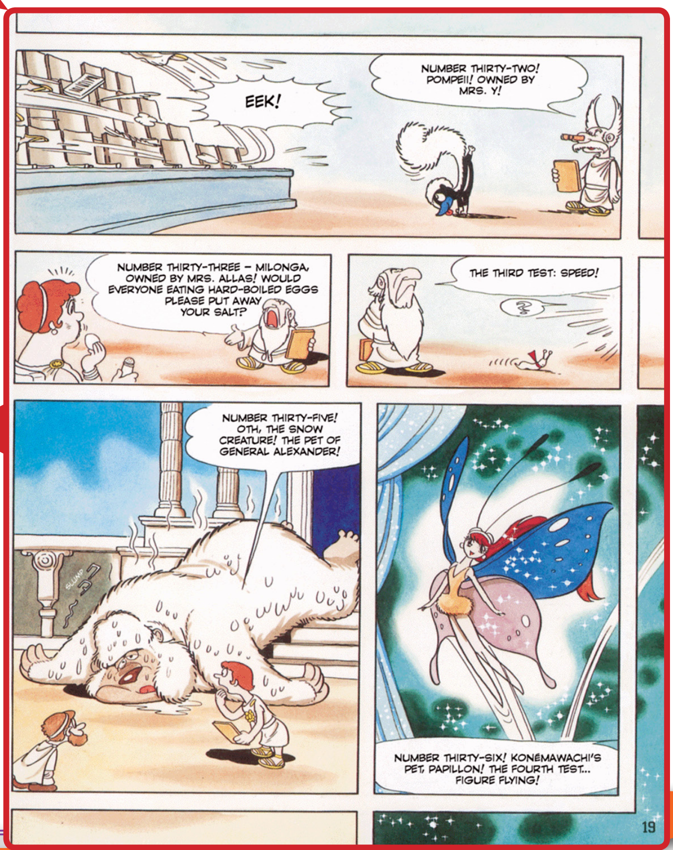
EEK!
NUMBER THIRTY-TWO! POMPEII! OWNED BY MRS. Y!
NUMBER THIRTY-THREE – MILONGA, OWNED BY MRS. ALLAS! WOULD EVERYONE EATING HARD-BOILED EGGS PLEASE PUT AWAY YOUR SALT?
THE THIRD TEST: SPEED!
NUMBER THIRTY-FIVE! OTH, THE SNOW CREATURE! THE PET OF GENERAL ALEXANDER!
NUMBER THIRTY-SIX! KONEMAWACHI'S PET, PAPILLON! THE FOURTH TEST... FIGURE FLYING!
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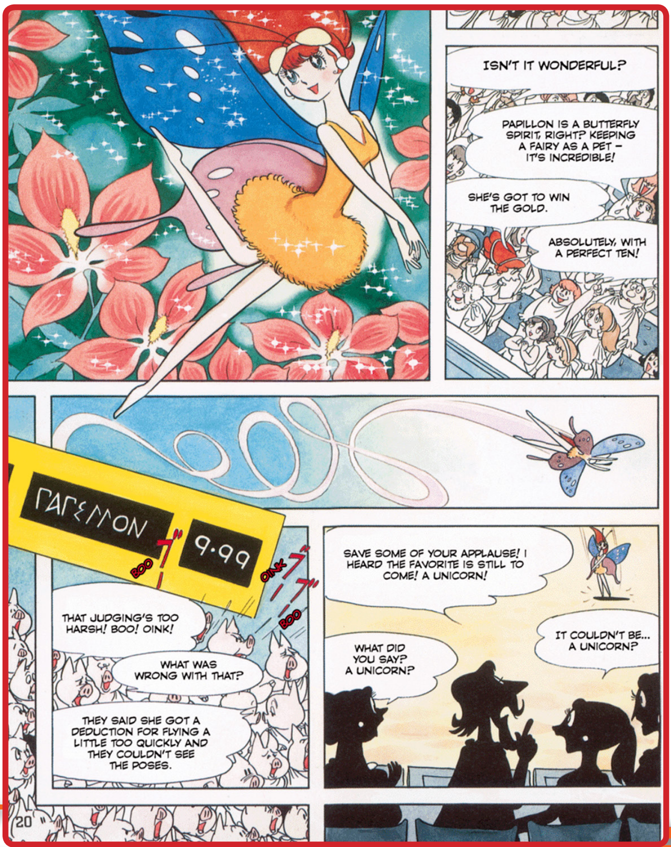
ISN'T IT WONDERFUL?
PAPILLON IS A BUTTERFLY SPIRIT, RIGHT? KEEPING A FAIRY AS A PET – IT'S INCREDIBLE!
SHE'S GOT TO WIN THE GOLD.
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OINK
BOO
THAT JUDGING'S TOO HARSH! BOO! OINK!
WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THAT?
THEY SAID SHE GOT A DEDUCTION FOR FLYING A LITTLE TOO QUICKLY AND THEY COULDN'T SEE THE POSES.
SAVE SOME OF YOUR APPLAUSE! I HEARD THE FAVORITE IS STILL TO COME! A UNICORN!
WHAT DID YOU SAY? A UNICORN?
IT COULDN'T BE... A UNICORN?
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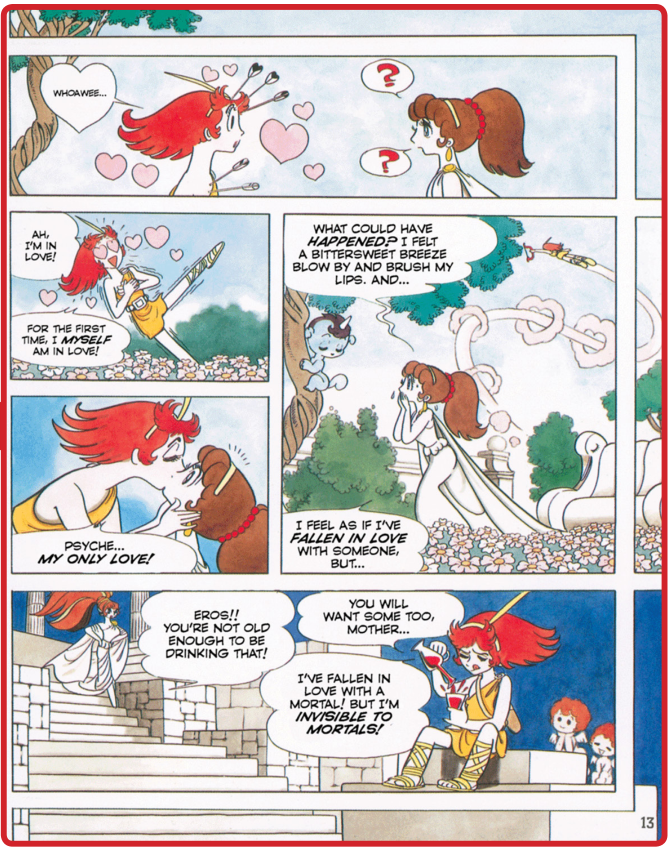
Unico by Osamu Tezuka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WHOAWEE...
WHAT COULD HAVE *HAPPENED?* I FELT A BITTERSWEET BREEZE BLOW BY AND BRUSH MY LIPS. AND...
I FEEL AS IF I'VE *FALLEN IN LOVE* WITH SOMEONE, BUT...
AH, I'M IN LOVE!
FOR THE FIRST TIME, I *MYSELF* AM IN LOVE!
PSYCHE... *MY ONLY LOVE!*
YOU WILL WANT SOME TOO, MOTHER...
I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH A MORTAL! BUT I'M *INVISIBLE TO MORTALS!*
EROS!! YOU'RE NOT OLD ENOUGH TO BE DRINKING THAT!
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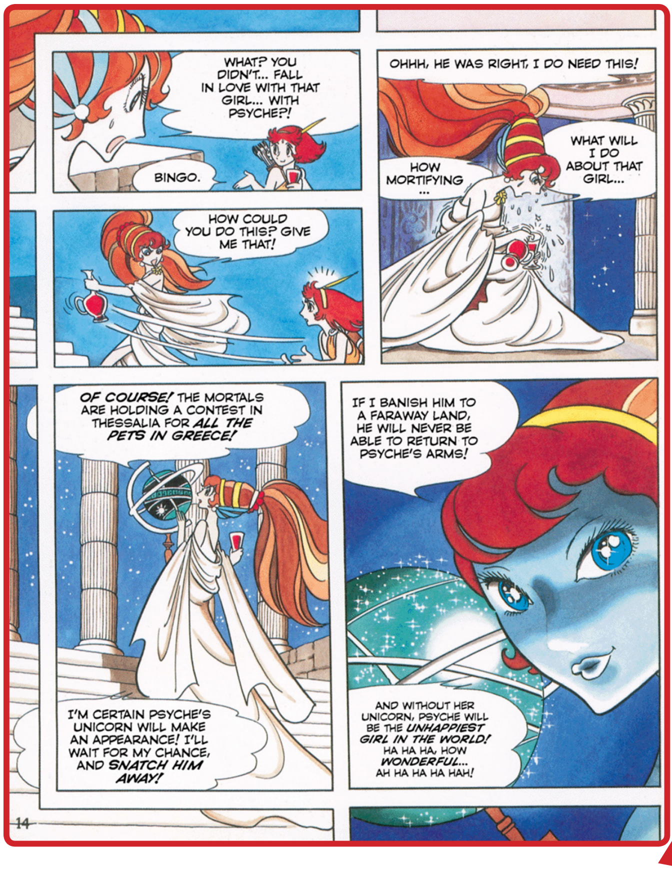
OHHH, HE WAS RIGHT, I DO NEED THIS!
WHAT WILL I DO ABOUT THAT GIRL...
HOW MORTIFYING...
WHAT? YOU DIDN'T... FALL IN LOVE WITH THAT GIRL... WITH PSYCHE?!
BINGO.
HOW COULD YOU DO THIS? GIVE ME THAT!
IF I BANISH HIM TO A FARAWAY LAND, HE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO RETURN TO PSYCHE'S ARMS!
AND WITHOUT HER UNICORN, PSYCHE WILL BE THE *UNHAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD!* HA HA HA, HOW *WONDERFUL...* AH HA HA HA HAH!
OF COURSE! THE MORTALS ARE HOLDING A CONTEST IN THESSALIA FOR *ALL THE PETS IN GREECE!*
I'M CERTAIN PSYCHE'S UNICORN WILL MAKE AN APPEARANCE! I'LL WAIT FOR MY CHANCE, AND *SNATCH HIM AWAY!*
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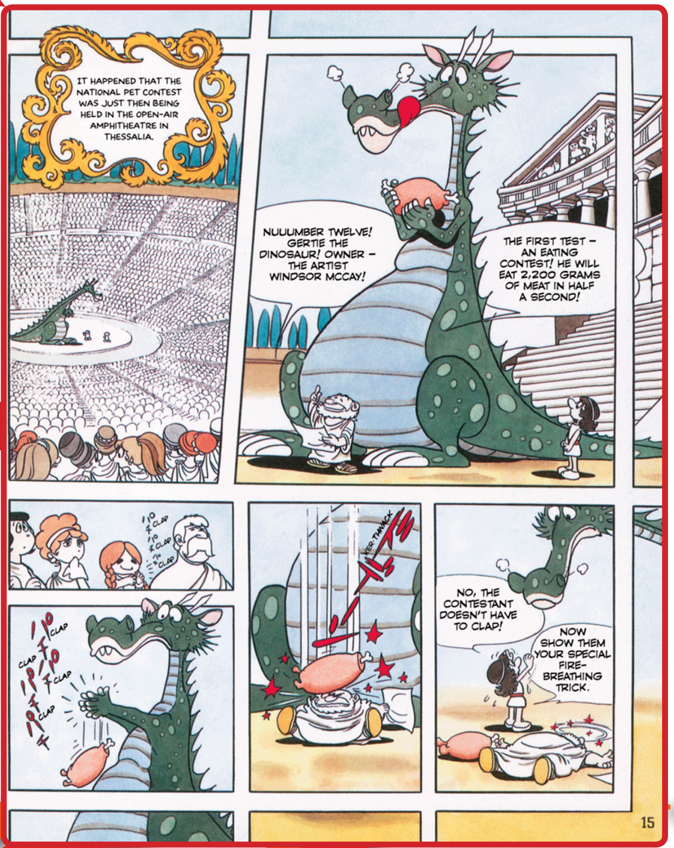
THE FIRST TEST – AN EATING CONTEST! HE WILL EAT 2,200 GRAMS OF MEAT IN HALF A SECOND!
NUUUMBER TWELVE! GERTIE THE DINOSAUR! OWNER – THE ARTIST WINDSOR MCCAY!
IT HAPPENED THAT THE NATIONAL PET CONTEST WAS JUST THEN BEING HELD IN THE OPEN-AIR AMPHITHEATRE IN THESSALIA.
NOW SHOW THEM YOUR SPECIAL FIRE-BREATHING TRICK.
NO, THE CONTESTANT DOESN'T HAVE TO CLAP!
KER-THWACK
CLAP
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CLAP
CLAP
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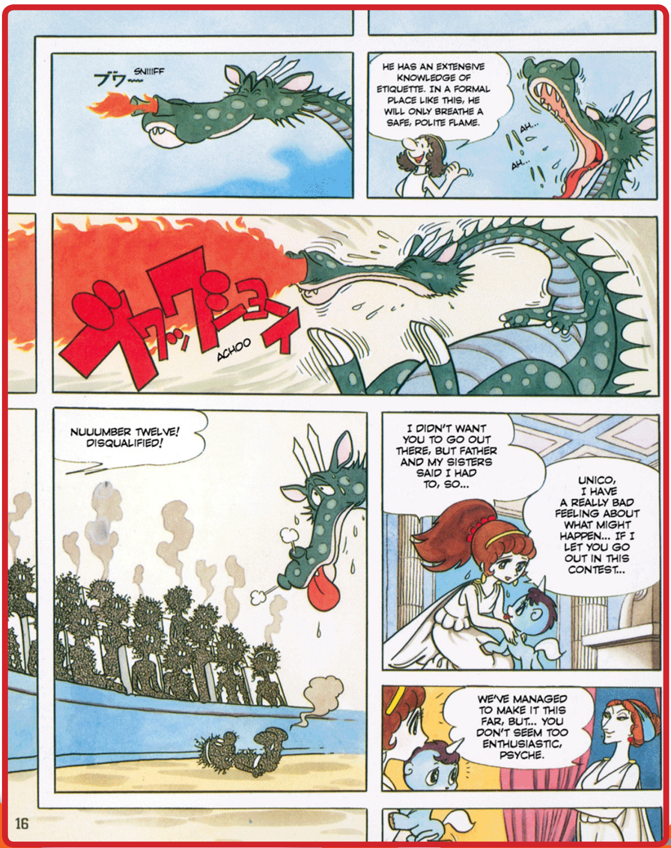
HE HAS AN EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF ETIQUETTE. IN A FORMAL PLACE LIKE THIS, HE WILL ONLY BREATHE A SAFE, POLITE FLAME.
AH...
AH...
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SNIIIFF
ACHOO
UNICO, I HAVE A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN... IF I LET YOU GO OUT IN THIS CONTEST...
I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO GO OUT THERE, BUT FATHER AND MY SISTERS SAID I HAD TO, SO...
WE'VE MANAGED TO MAKE IT THIS FAR, BUT... YOU DON'T SEEM TOO ENTHUSIASTIC, PSYCHE.
NUUUMBER TWELVE! DISQUALIFIED!
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a film about cosplayers

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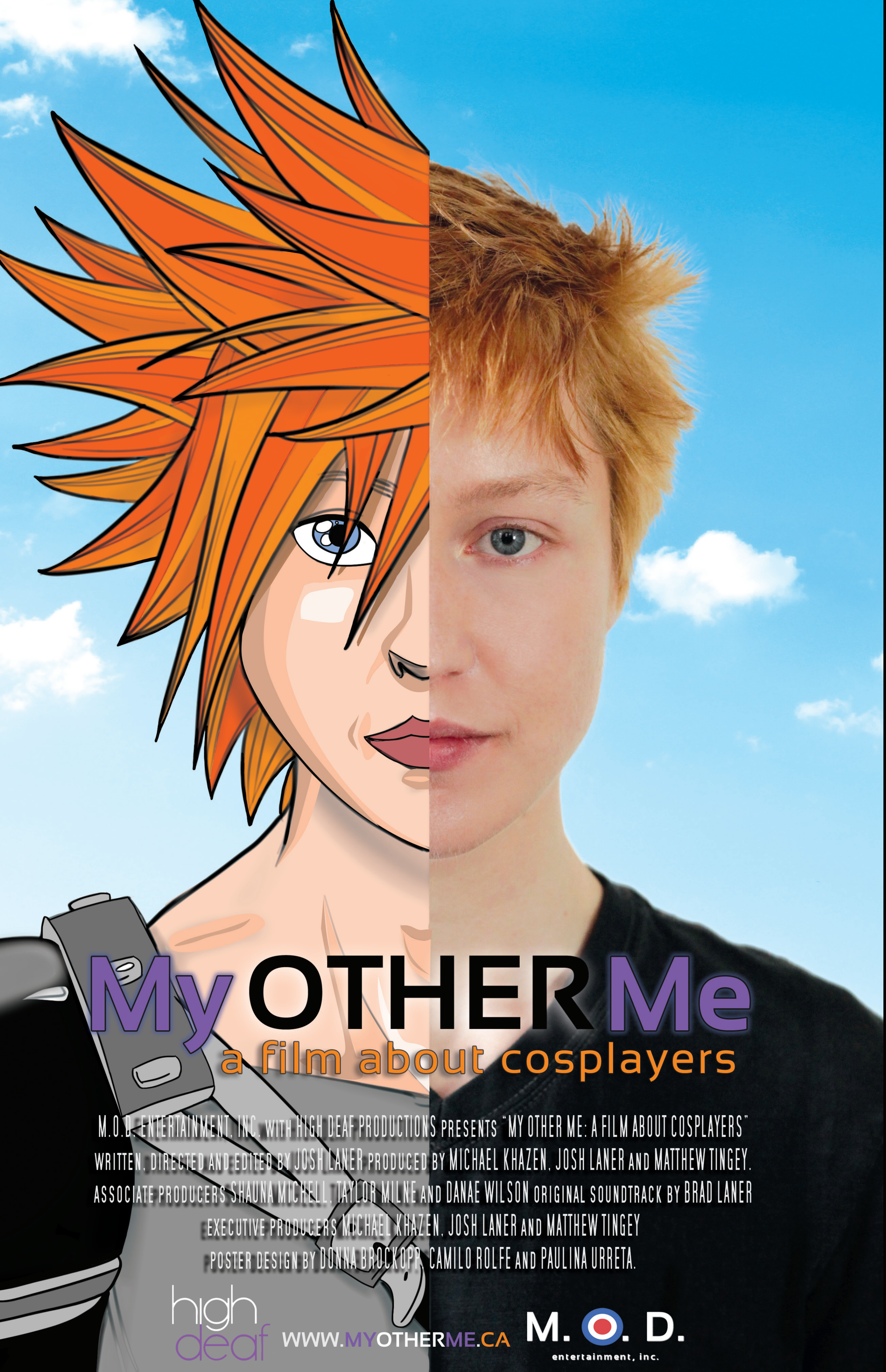

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MY OTHER ME

Loving Those Dramas

There is a moment when time comes to an unbending halt and everyone stops mid-motion. It's as if some sort of pre-determined switch had been set inside of an individual's mind and soul that causes them to be from one second — a regularly guy or gal — to the next a stark, raving fan. Everything outside the realm of your obsession no longer has any importance or significance. All that matters is the need to watch your idol flit around on the screen. The breathless fans tune in to watch Korean sensations act, dance and sing their way into the viewer's heart. For me, there is nothing better than watching a much anticipated, *chew-off-all-of-your-fingernails-worthy* Korean television program.

In Korea, there are five main television broadcasting stations: KBS1 (Korean Broadcasting System — no commercials are shown on this network), KBS2 (Korean Broadcasting System), MBC (Munhwa Broadcasting Company), SBS (Seoul Broadcasting System) and the EBS (Educational Broadcasting System). All five of these stations showcase and produce great works of entertainment. They include several genres of shows to choose from. If one wanted to watch a historical romance, they could watch MBC's *God of War*, SBS's *The Great Seer*, KBS's *King of Dreams* and many others. If someone wanted to watch a romance, comedy, thriller, action or any other genre that one could fathom then Korean dramas are the right choice for you. There are no shortages of what a person can and should watch when it comes to Korean dramas.

But what makes Korean dramas better than, say, American programs? As a resident of the great state of Texas, I have seen my share of actresses and actors act their way onto a television show but there is just something missing in their performances. No disrespect or offense intended to the shows whose fans may come after at me with a pitchfork after reading this. Now, I understand that the American actors and actresses are just playing the parts that are written for them, but does every American show have to lead back to the dirty deed? Maybe that's why people crave the respect that the Asian cultures exhibit. Unlike American shows, Korean television shows are about the art of acting not about how much skin needs to be shown for the ratings. The actors and actresses have strong backgrounds in singing and dancing by being in boy/girl groups, and their talents only expand while on camera.

Fans across the nation have great urgings to see their idols, such as Top from Bigbang, JYJ's Park "Mickey" Yoochun, Girls Generation's Im Yoona, TVXQ's Jung Yunho, Super Junior's Choi Siwon and many others. Korean actors/actress showcase so much emotion that even when watching through the monitor, fans are able to appreciate their heroes' abilities, even as tears cascade towards the ever-forming puddle. Take, for instance, Park Yoochun's performance in MBC's *I Miss You*. Korean dramas will make you cry, giddy, mad, happy, ecstatic and all around make you beg for more especially after watching KBS2's 2009 smash hit, *Iris* starring Bigbang's Top as the villain and American movie franchise *G.I. Joe's* Lee Byung Hun. All performances are given with a hundred and ten percent, so why not check one out?

Korean dramas rise above the expectations that fans have for them. If after reading this, you are interested but have no clue where to start, why not go with fan favorites *Boys Over Flowers* or *Playful Kiss* staring SS501's Kim Hyun-joong? Those were my first two and they only get better. ❖ **Lucia Cox**

IRIS

아이리스

Director(s): Yang Yun-Ho, Kim Kyu-Tae

Writer(s): Kim Hyun-Joon, Jo Kyu-Won, Kim Jae-Eun

Original Release: Oct. 14 - Dec 17, 2009

보고싶다
오늘만, 오늘 단 하루만…
내 일은 잊을게

Missing You

보고싶다

Director(s): Lee Jae-Dong

Writer(s): Moon Hee-Jung

Original Release: Nov. 7, 2012 - Jan. 17, 2013

God of War

무신

Director(s): Kim Jin-Min

Writer(s): Lee Hwan-Kyung

Original Release: Feb. 11 - Sept. 15, 2012

The Great Seer

대풍수

Director(s): Lee Yong-Seok

Writer(s): Nam Sun-Nyeon, Park Sang-Hee

Original Release: Oct. 10, 2012 - Feb. 7, 2013

Rooftop Prince

옥탑방 왕세자

Director(s): Shin Yoon-Sub

Writer(s): Lee Hee-Myung

Original Release: Mar. 21 - May 24, 2012

Sungkyunkwan Scandal

성균관 스캔들

Director(s): Kim Won-Suk, Hwang In-Hyuk

Writer(s): Kim Tae-Hee, Jeong Eung-Wol

Original Release: Aug. 30 - Nov. 2, 2010

Love Rain

사랑비

Director(s): Yoon Seok-Ho

Writer(s): Oh Soo-Yun

Original Release: Mar 26 - May, 29 2012

King of Ambition

야왕

Director(s): Jo Nam-Kook

Writer(s): Lee Hee-Myung

Original Release: Jan. 14, - Jun. 24, 2013 tentatively

The Lord of Drama

드라마의 제왕

Director(s): Hong Sung-Chang

Writer(s): Jang Hang-Jun, Lee Ji-Hyo

Original Release: Nov. 5, 2012 - Jan. 7, 2013

Who's That Seiyu

Nazuka, Kaori

名塚 佳織

DOB: **April 24, 1985**
Tōkyō

Blood Type: **B**

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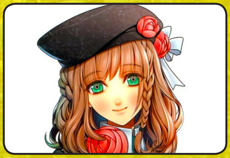

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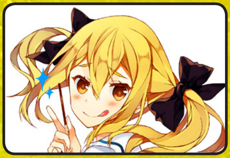

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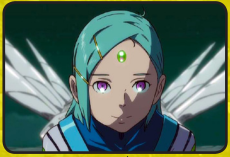

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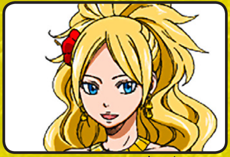

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Kakihara, Tetsuya

柿原 徹也

DOB: **December 24, 1982**
Düsseldorf, West Germany

Blood Type: **AB**

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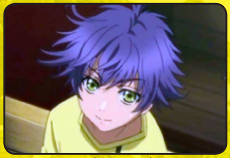

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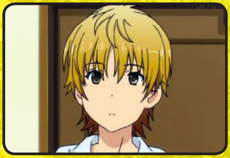

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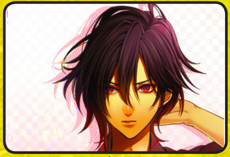

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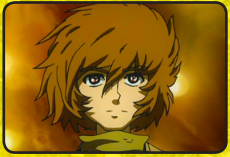

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Ozuma

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小清水 亜美

DOB: **February 16, 1986**
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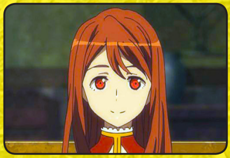

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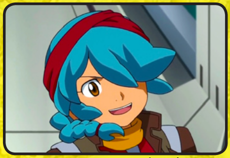

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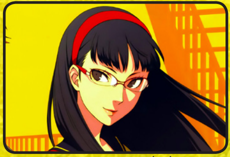

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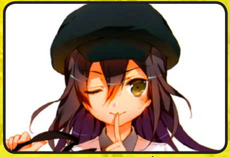

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佐倉 綾音

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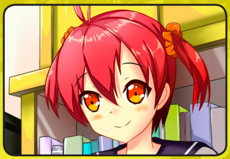

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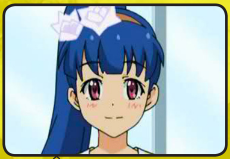

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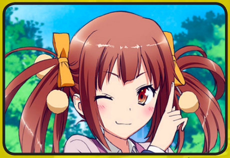

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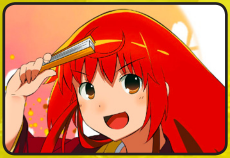

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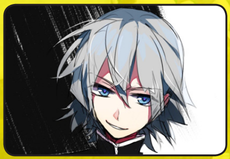

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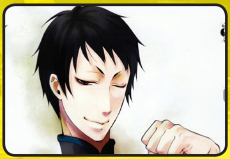

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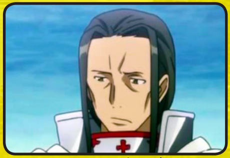

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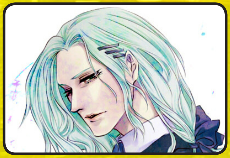

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DOB: **March 29, 1972**
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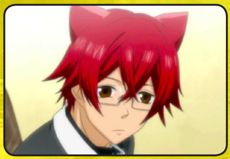

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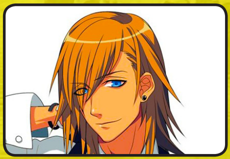

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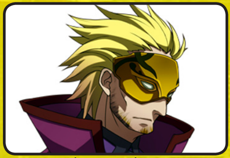

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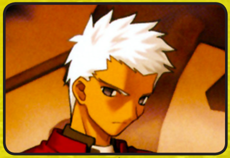

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Yamaguchi

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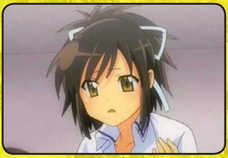

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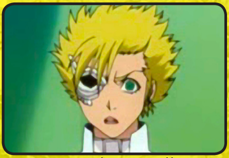

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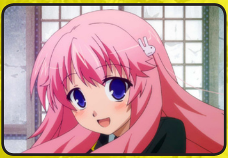

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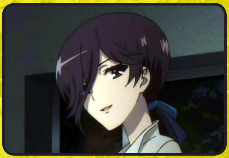

Kirika
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Ono, Yūki

小野 友樹

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Blood Type: **AB**

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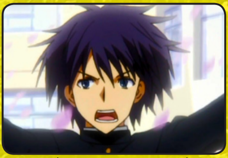

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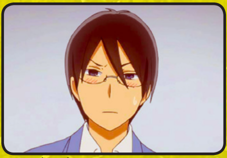

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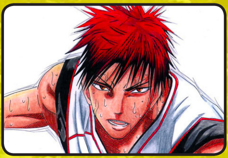

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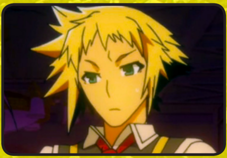

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赤﨑 千夏

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Blood Type: **n/a**

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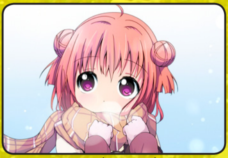

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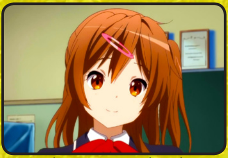

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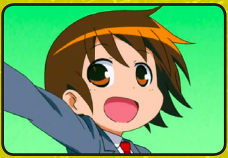

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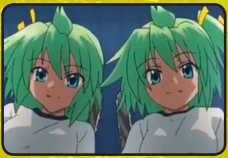

Ile and Nel
High School DxD

Iguchi, Yuka

井口裕香

DOB: **July 11, 1988**
Tōkyō

Blood Type: **AB**

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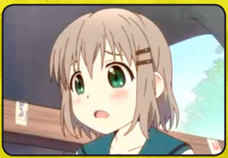

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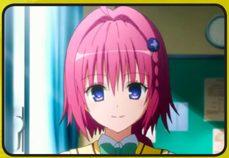
Yama no Susume



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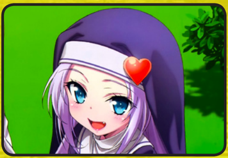

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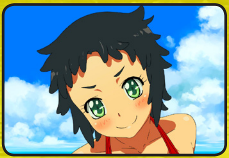
Haganai: NEXT



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洲崎綾

DOB: **December 25, 1986**
Ishikawa Prefecture

Blood Type: **O**

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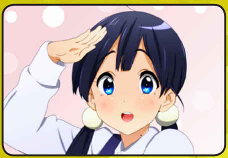

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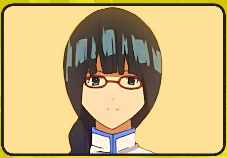

Amane, Misayo
Bakuman.

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佐藤 利奈

DOB: **May 2, 1981**
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Blood Type: **B**

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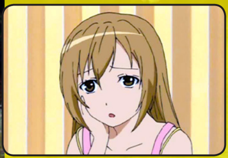

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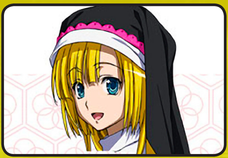

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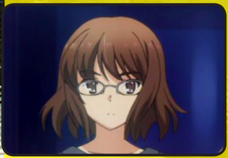

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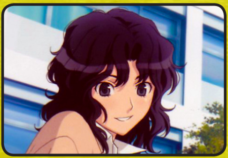

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Amagami SS+ Plus

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Spring Nights Are Full of Culture

It is close to the end of the school year which means that students are looking forward to summer vacation. Since finals and graduation is coming up for those who are graduating, some of them want to do one last big hurrah before they leave. The big hurrah for high school is showing class pride with a school prank, going to prom, etc. For those in college it may be going to spring break and partying. Then there are people who joined a club for years or just the last year before graduating to have something extra added to their big hurrah.

For one type of club, either in high school or college, the Filipino Club does a cultural show once a year. The cultural show may sound boring but it is a show to entertain the crowds with a story and incorporate traditional folk dances. The dances are not only to show the beauty of the Filipino culture and traditions but have a back story for its creation. The dances are based on historical events, folklore and art. Even though it says Filipino culture, some of the dances are influenced by other cultures such as the Spainish and Muslims, etc.

Since the dances are based on historical events or folklore, the most well known and favorite dance known by all Filipinos is "Tinikling." Tinikling is a dance done by a boy and a girl dancing in between two bamboo poles being tapped together by two people holding at each ends of the two bamboo poles. It is an exciting dance that gets the audience to witness how two people avoid being hit by the bamboo

The bird that locals called "tikling" is a barred rail (Gallirallus Torquatus).

poles. Tinikling is based by the Tikling bird moving through the bamboo forest passing through tall grass, branches and traps laid by rice farmers. This dance shows the grace and speed of the dancers avoiding getting hit by the bamboo poles. Tinikling is practiced for months by the dancers to get comfortable dancing in between the sticks and to add some difficulty to give the audience a good show.

Usually these cultural shows are seen by family and friends who are supporting the person who is involved with the event. The best way to find this event is to visit a college campus close to you and ask around if they know somebody or seen someone from a Filipino club to get. Usually the event is posted with flyers throughout the campus, the school news paper and nearby stores around town. Another way to find out is by asking Filipino communities or Asian stores because parents supporting their kids in the club spread the news by mouth. The other way to check for the event is searching online, usually by typing in on the word search "Pilipino Culture Night" or "PCN" for short and the school; you may get the results you are looking for.

While modern times are continuing to change and grab people's attention with fashion, technology, etc, some old customs and traditions are slowly being lost. Even with a few people learning the old customs and traditions, there is still a chance for future generations to experience and learn about their own heritage or another person's heritage. People who are passionate in what they do and believe need the support of others to continue passing along these traditions. So, if you are wondering about your heritage and culture or even others, just go to a cultural event and check it out. You could learn a great deal even if it is very little. ❖ Philip P. Knowles

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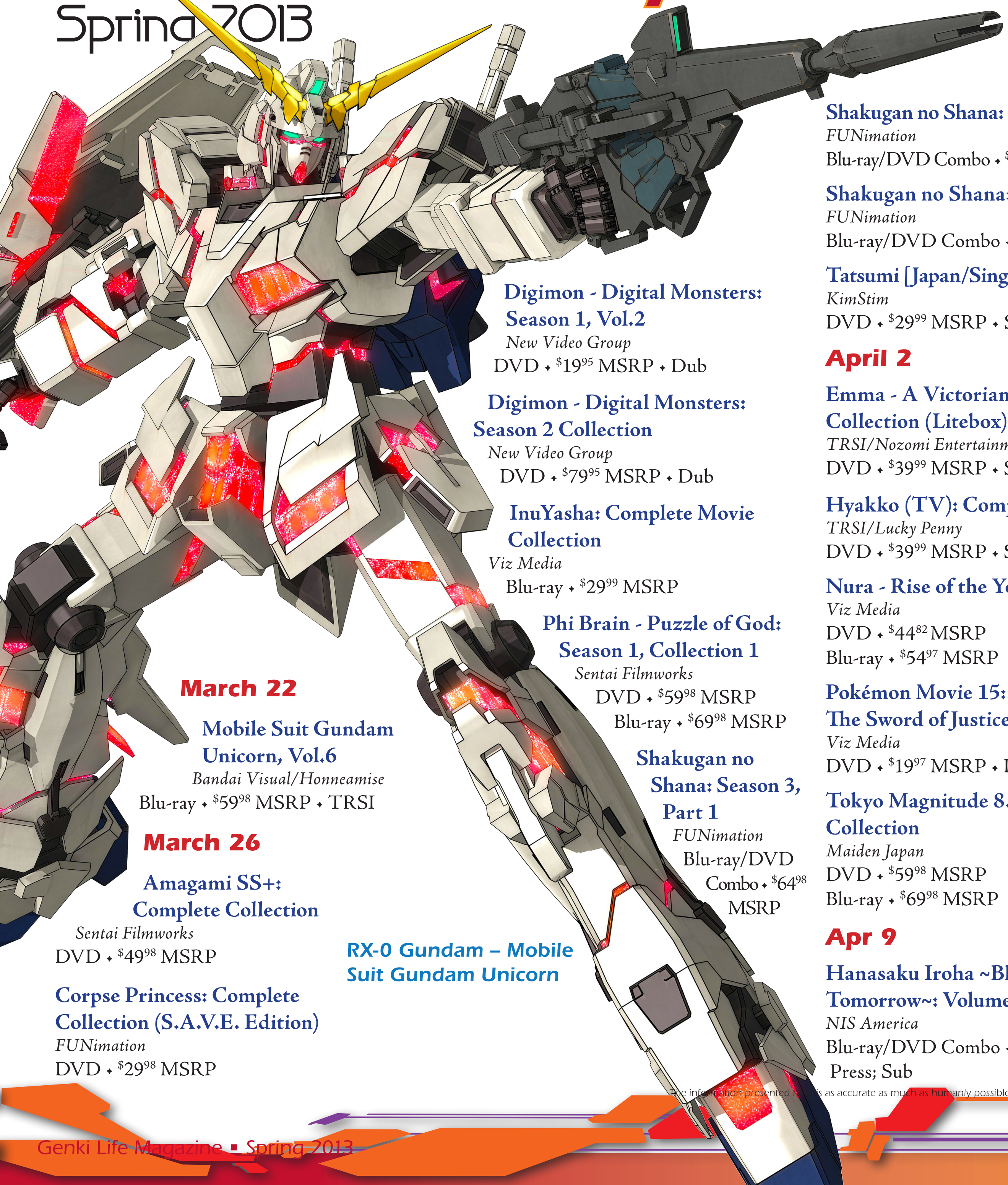

RX-0 Gundam – Mobile Suit Gundam Unicorn

March 22

Mobile Suit Gundam Unicorn, Vol.6
Bandai Visual/Honneamise
Blu-ray • $^{\$}59^{98}$ MSRP • TRSI

March 26

Amagami SS+: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $^{\$}49^{98}$ MSRP

Corpse Princess: Complete Collection (S.A.V.E. Edition)
FUNimation
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Digimon - Digital Monsters: Season 1, Vol.2
New Video Group
DVD • $^{\$}19^{95}$ MSRP • Dub

Digimon - Digital Monsters: Season 2 Collection
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InuYasha: Complete Movie Collection
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Phi Brain - Puzzle of God: Season 1, Collection 1
Sentai Filmworks
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Blu-ray • $^{\$}69^{98}$ MSRP

Shakugan no Shana: Season 3, Part 1
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $^{\$}64^{98}$ MSRP

Shakugan no Shana: Season 3, Part 1 (LE)
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $^{\$}69^{98}$ MSRP • First Press

Shakugan no Shana: Season 3, Part 2
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $^{\$}64^{98}$ MSRP

Tatsumi [Japan/Singapore co-production]
KimStim
DVD • $^{\$}29^{99}$ MSRP • Sub

April 2

Emma - A Victorian Romance: Season 2 Collection (Litebox)
TRSI/Nozomi Entertainment
DVD • $^{\$}39^{99}$ MSRP • Sub

Hyakko (TV): Complete Collection
TRSI/Lucky Penny
DVD • $^{\$}39^{99}$ MSRP • Sub

Nura - Rise of the Yokai Clan: Set 1
Viz Media
DVD • $^{\$}44^{82}$ MSRP
Blu-ray • $^{\$}54^{97}$ MSRP

Pokémon Movie 15: Kyurem vs. The Sword of Justice
Viz Media
DVD • $^{\$}19^{97}$ MSRP • Dub

Tokyo Magnitude 8.0: Complete Collection
Maiden Japan
DVD • $^{\$}59^{98}$ MSRP
Blu-ray • $^{\$}69^{98}$ MSRP

Apr 9

Hanasaku Iroha ~Blossoms for Tomorrow~: Volume 1 Premium Edition
NIS America
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Shamanic Princess: Complete Collection
Media Blasters
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Minko, Nako & Ohana – Hanasaku Iroha

Tegami Bachi - Letter Bee Reverse: Season 2, Collection 1
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $^{\$}49^{98}$ MSRP • Sub

Apr 16

A Certain Scientific Railgun, Part 1
FUNimation
DVD • $^{\$}59^{98}$ MSRP

A Certain Scientific Railgun, Part 1 (LE)
FUNimation
DVD • $^{\$}64^{98}$ MSRP • First Press

A Certain Scientific Railgun, Part 2
FUNimation
DVD • $^{\$}59^{98}$ MSRP

Hiiro no Kakera -The Tamayori Princess Saga-: Season 1 Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $^{\$}59^{98}$ MSRP
Blu-ray • $^{\$}69^{98}$ MSRP

Iron Man: Rise of the Technovore
Sony Pictures
DVD w/UltraViolet • $^{\$}26^{99}$ MSRP
Blu-ray • $^{\$}30^{99}$ MSRP

Place to Place (Acchi Kocchi): Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $^{\$}49^{98}$ MSRP • Sub

Summer Wars
FUNimation
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April 23

Ai no Kusabi: The Space Between (2012)
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Hakuoki ~Demon of the Fleeting Blossom~ A Memory of Snow Flowers: OVA Collection
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Naruto Shippuden: Set 14
Viz Media
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Psychic Detective Yakumo: Complete Collection
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DVD • $^{\$}49^{98}$ MSRP • Sub

Rosario + Vampire - Capu2: Season 2 Collection (Re-release)
FUNimation
DVD • $^{\$}49^{98}$ MSRP

Rosario + Vampire: Season 1 Collection (Re-release)
FUNimation
DVD • $^{\$}49^{98}$ MSRP

April 30

Eden of the East: Complete Collection (Classic Line)
FUNimation
DVD • $^{\$}34^{98}$ MSRP
Blu-ray • $^{\$}39^{98}$ MSRP

Fairy Tail: Collection 1
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $^{\$}54^{98}$ MSRP

Mio, Ritsu, Azusa, Yui & Tsugumi – K-On! Movie

Legendary Ninja Cats (Samurai Pizza Cats): Complete Collection
Discotek Media
DVD • $69.95 MSRP • Sub

Patlabor The Mobile Police: Original OVA Series - Early Days
Maiden Japan
DVD • $29.98 MSRP
Blu-ray • $39.98 MSRP

Slayers Revolution/Evolution-R: Complete Collection (Classic Line)
FUNimation
DVD • $49.98 MSRP
Blu-ray • $54.98 MSRP

The Qwaser of Stigmata: Season 2 Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $49.98 MSRP • Sub

May 7

Kids on the Slope: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $59.98 MSRP
Blu-ray • $69.98 MSRP

Natsuyuki Rendezvous: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $49.98 MSRP • Sub

Sekirei: Seasons 1 & 2 Collection
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $69.98 MSRP

Sound of the Sky: Complete Collection (Litebox)
TRSI/Nozomi Entertainment
DVD • $39.99 MSRP • Sub

The Rose of Versailles, Part 1 (LE)
TRSI/Nozomi Entertainment
DVD • $49.99 MSRP • First Press; Sub

Toriko, Part 4
FUNimation
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May 14

Colorful: The Motion Pictures
Sentai Filmworks
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Blu-ray • $39.98 MSRP

Darker Than Black: Season 2 Collection (Re-release)
FUNimation
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Digimon - Digital Monsters: Season 1, Vol.3
New Video Group
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Fushigi Yugi: OVA Boxset (Series 1 & 2)
Media Blasters
DVD • $34.99 MSRP

Kämpfer ~ für die Liebe: OVA Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $19.98 MSRP • Sub

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FUNimation
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Pokémon - Black & White: Set 4
Viz Media
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The Princess and the Pilot: Premium Edition
NIS America
Blu-ray • $44.99 MSRP • Sub

Tiger & Bunny: Set 2
Viz Media
DVD • $44.82 MSRP
Blu-ray • $54.97 MSRP

May 21

Gunbuster 2 - Diebuster: Complete Collection
Discotek Media
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Sentai Filmworks
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Tenchi Muyo! War on Geminar, Part 1 (LE)
FUNimation
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Tenchi Muyo! War on Geminar, Part 2
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Okamikakushi ~ Masque of the Wolf: Complete Collection
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Phi Brain - Puzzle of God: Season 1, Collection 2
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $^{\$}59^{98}$ MSRP
Blu-ray • $^{\$}69^{98}$ MSRP

June 4

Appleseed XIII: Complete Collection
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $^{\$}64^{98}$ MSRP

Appleseed XIII: Complete Collection (LE)
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $^{\$}69^{98}$ MSRP • First Press

Birdy the Mighty - Decode: Complete Collection (S.A.V.E. Edition)
FUNimation
DVD • $^{\$}29^{98}$ MSRP

Dirty Pair (TV), Part 1 (Litebox)
TRSI/Nozomi Entertainment
DVD • $^{\$}39^{99}$ MSRP • Sub

Birdy Cephon Altera – Birdy the Mighty - Decode

Dusk Maiden of Amnesia: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $^{\$}59^{98}$ MSRP
Blu-ray • $^{\$}69^{98}$ MSRP

Phantom ~Requiem for the Phantom~: Complete Collection (S.A.V.E. Edition)
FUNimation
DVD • $^{\$}24^{98}$ MSRP
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Princess Knight, Part 1
TRSI/Nozomi Entertainment
DVD • $^{\$}39^{99}$ MSRP • Dub

Tegami Bachi - Letter Bee Reverse: Season 2, Collection 2
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $^{\$}49^{98}$ MSRP • Sub

June 11

Digimon Tamers: Season 3 Collection
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DVD • $^{\$}79^{95}$ MSRP • Dub

Fushigi Yugi Eikoden
Media Blasters
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Mysterious Girlfriend X: Complete Collection
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World Cosplay Summit

United States Eastern Qualifier

Laura Butler with Greg J Hansen

On Saturday, February 16th, the World Cosplay Summit US Eastern Regional Qualifiers took place at Katsucon 19 in National Harbor, Maryland. Competition was tight between the nine participating teams. After a tough round of deliberation by the judges, the team to emerge victorious was Karmaluna, presenting a performance with characters from the video game "Chrono Cross," with Lunaladyoflight and Karmada as Harle and Kid.

They will be heading to Anime Matsuri in Houston, Texas (along with Fox Gloves who secured the Eastern Wild Card spot) to compete in the 2013 WCS US Finals Round. They and other teams from around the country will be competing for a chance to travel to Japan as the United States' representative team.

Winners

1st Place: Karmaluna [Eastern Qualifier Winners]
2nd Place: Fox Gloves [Eastern Qualifier Wild Card]
3rd Place: Kiwi Teacup Studios
Organizer Résumé Award: Fox Gloves

Team List

Karmaluna [*Chrono Cross*]: Lunaladyoflight and Karmada
Fox Gloves [*Fate/Zero*]: Ali and Ashe
Kiwi Teacup Studios [*RG Veda*]: Envel and Dustbunny
Lady Ava + Oshi [*Castlevania: Order of Ecclesia*]: Lady Ava and Oshi
Scarlet Mafia [*Fushigi Yuugi: Genbu Kaiden*]: Erisaka Blu and Vicious Cosplay
Last Minute Cosplay [*Tsubasa Resevoir Chronicles*]: Tohma and Shey
Saturday Cerberus [*Monster Hunter*]: Ian of Saturday Morning Cosplay and Sharbuncle of Cerberus Productions
Make It Work Cosplay [*Tales of Graces*]: Evenstar1 and Utai Mitsumo
Cosplay Awkward [*Are You Alice?*]: JavaChai and Smashley

Judges — Katie (US Team 2012), Sonnya (US Team 2008), Renee (US Team 2008), Dia (US Team 2009), Iris (German Team 2009 & 2011)
Event Emcee — Yaya Han

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Heidi Shimada — ***United States Coordinator and Translator***
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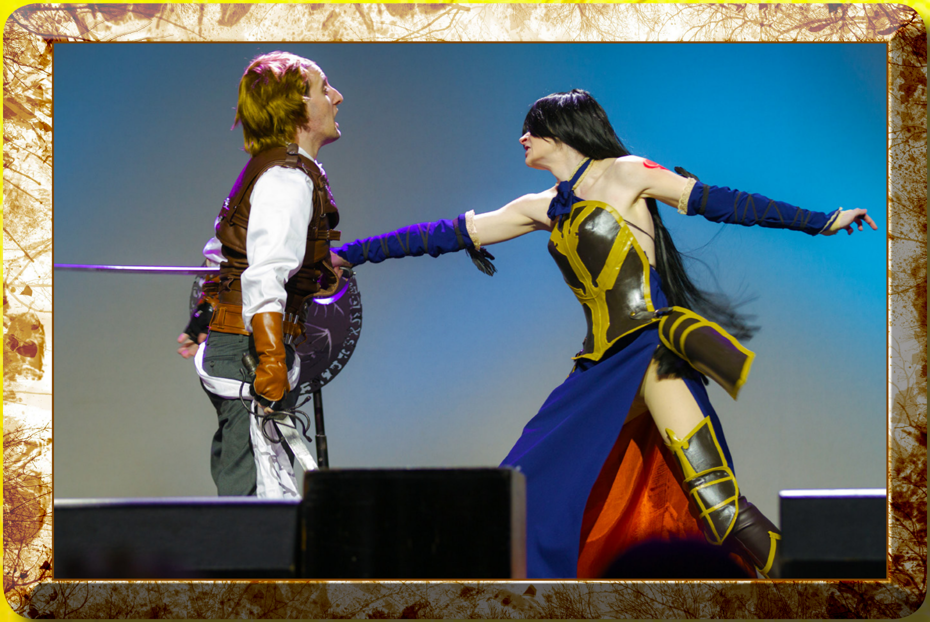
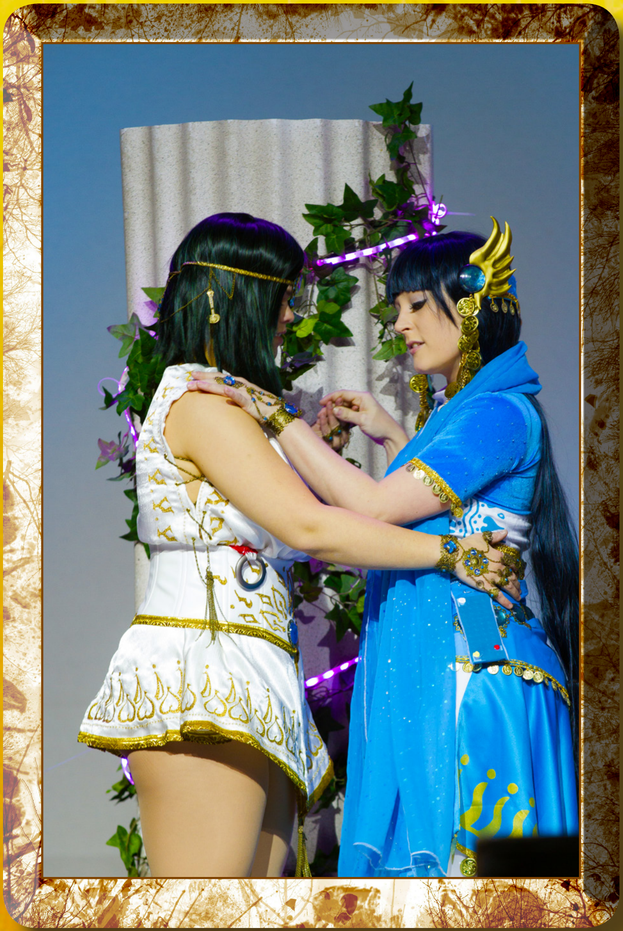
JavaChai and Smashley as Alice and the Catepillar from *Are You Alice?*

Tohma and Shey as Syaoran and Sakura from *Tsubasa Resevoir Chronicles*

Evenstar1 and Utai Mitsumo as Little Queen and Asbel Lhant from *Tales of Graces*

Lady Ava and Oishi as Shanoa and Albus from *Castlevania: Order of Ecclesia*





Envel and Dustbunny as Kendappa-ou and Soma from *RG Veda*

Ali of Fox Gloves as Irisviel
from *Fate/Zero*

Ashe of Fox Gloves as Saber
from *Fate/Zero*

Fox Gloves during their *Fate/Zero* performance that earned them a position in the finals

Karmaluna performing the Eastern Qualifier winning performance from *Chrono Cross*

Lunaladyoflight of Karmaluna as Harle from *Chrono Cross*

Erisaka Blu and Vicious Cosplay as Miko Takiko and Genbu from *Fushigi Yuugi: Genbu Kaiden*

Ian of Saturday Morning Cosplay and Sharbuncle of Cerberus Productions as Red Dragon Liolaeus and Mohan from *Monster Hunter*

Karmaluna being announced as the Eastern Qualifier Winners

Karmaluna, with award, center stage

World Cosplay Summit
United States Eastern Qualifier
First Place is awarded to
Karmaluna Cosplay
February 16th, 2013

The Eastern Qualifier Judging Staff with the US Organizer, and emcee Yaya Han

Anime Character Information

April Birthdays

1

Tsunemori, Akane
Psycho-Pass

Katō, Otome
School Days

2

Mashima, Taichi
Chihayafuru

Yoshida, Haru
Tonari no Kaibutsu-kun

Kishitani, Shinra
Durarara!!

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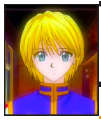

Kurapika
Hunter X Hunter

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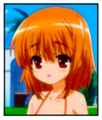

Kashii, Airi
Rōkyū Bu!

Kamikita, Komari
Little Buster!

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Ichijō, Yūka
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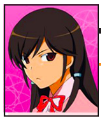

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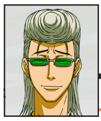

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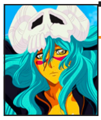

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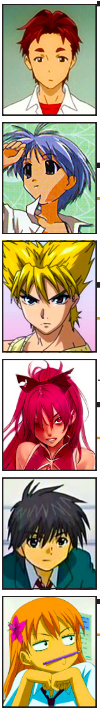

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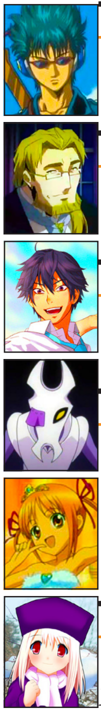

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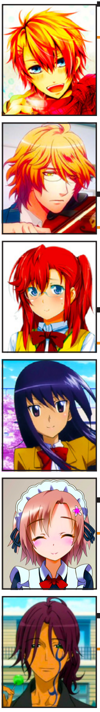

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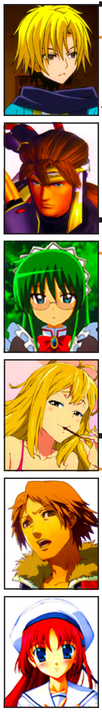

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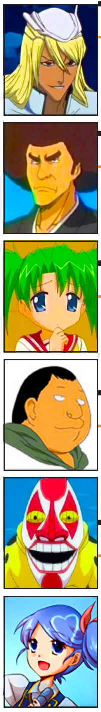

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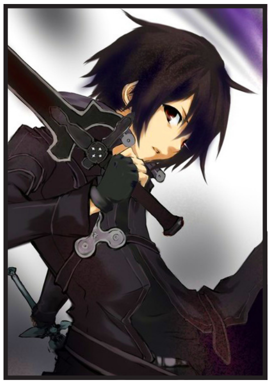

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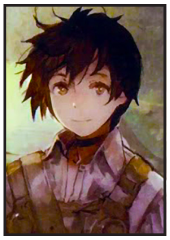

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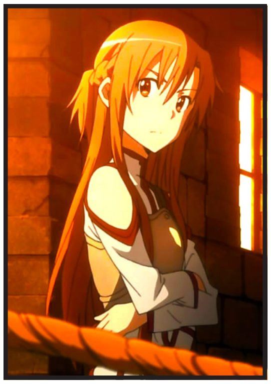

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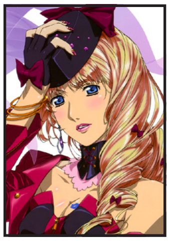

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Matsumoto Celebrates 60 Years as Mangaka

At France's international cartoon festival, the *Festival International de la Bande Dessinée d'Angoulźme*, Japanese mangaka Leiji Matasumoto celebrates 60 years in the manga business. The festival celebrates its 40th year as France has the second largest manga market to Japan. It was held from January 31 to February 3.

Matsumoto said in an interview that is was a "strange sensation of finding myself in one of my stories," which made feel akin to a time traveller.

He and three other of his Japanese contemoraries: Akira Toriyama (*Dragonball, Dr. Slump*), Katsuhiro Ōtomo (*Akira, Memories*) and Jirō Taniguchi (*Garōden, Ao no Senshi*) are also competing in different sections of the festival.

Matsumoto is the author of many legendary cult works such as *Galaxy Express 999, Uchū Senkan Yamato, Captain Harlock* and *Queen Emareldas* to name a few. His more recent works include *Interstella 5555: The Story of the Secret Star System, Mateal Legend, Cosmo Warrior Zero, The Galaxy Railways* and *OZMA*. He published his first manga *The Adventures of a Bee* at the 15-years-old, thus began his mangaka career.

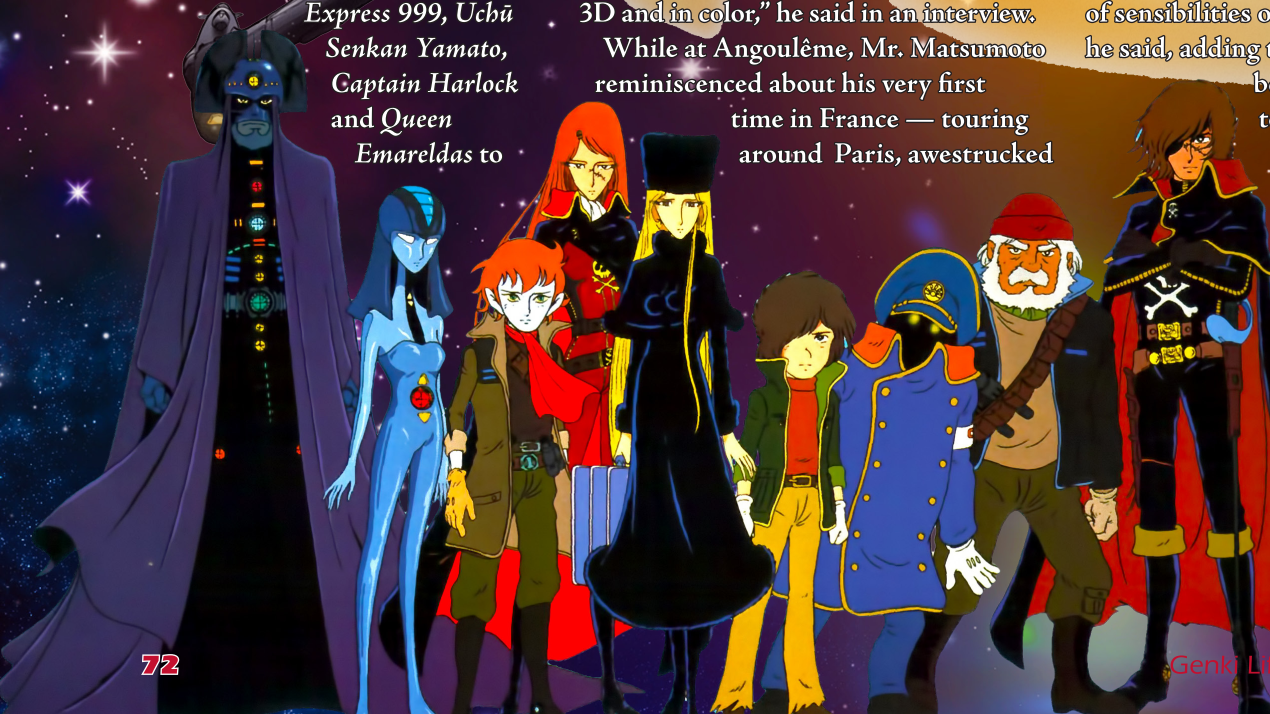
"Three or four years later, I saw (director Julien) Duvivier's *Marianne of My Youth* (1955). He impressed me. The film was in black and white. (And yet) today I have the impression of having seen it in 3D and in color," he said in an interview.

While at Angoulême, Mr. Matsumoto reminiscenced about his very first time in France — touring around Paris, awestrucked by many of the histroical builings and especially, the Eiffel Tower.

"I was amazed. I also later flew on [the] Concorde to Rio, via Dakar, a blessed feeling, for me the son of a pilot," he said. "What is incredible is that I had already drawn all that in my mangas, before having experienced it, a sort of premonition."

No mangaka has been awarded the Grand Prix d'Angoulême, but Matsumoto is philosophical on the subject.

"For me, it's a question of a difference of sensibilities on the part of the jury," he said, adding that he would of course be delighted if that were to change.



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Ryuuichi is possibly the greatest magician in all the world. His tricks are spectacular and he is nearly impossible to hire. But it is not his bag of tricks that make him the greatest; it is his ability to solve mysteries. With flair and cunning he helps those in need, all while putting on an unforgettable show. Ryuuichi, the greatest detective magician there ever was!

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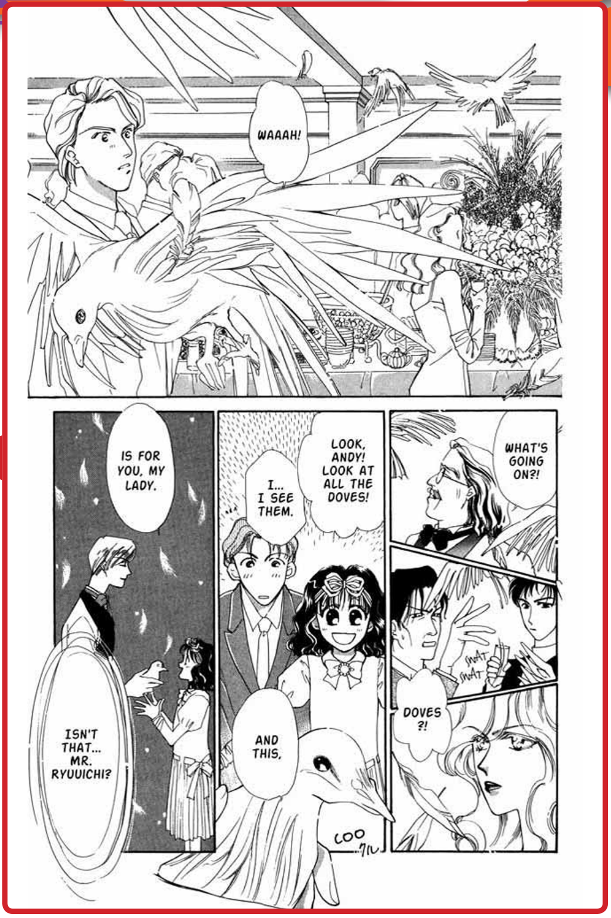
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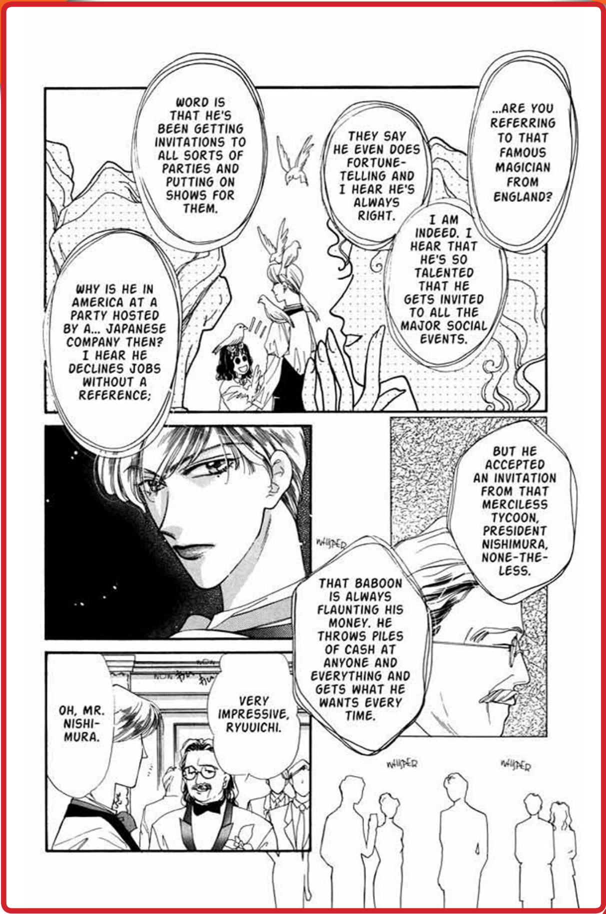
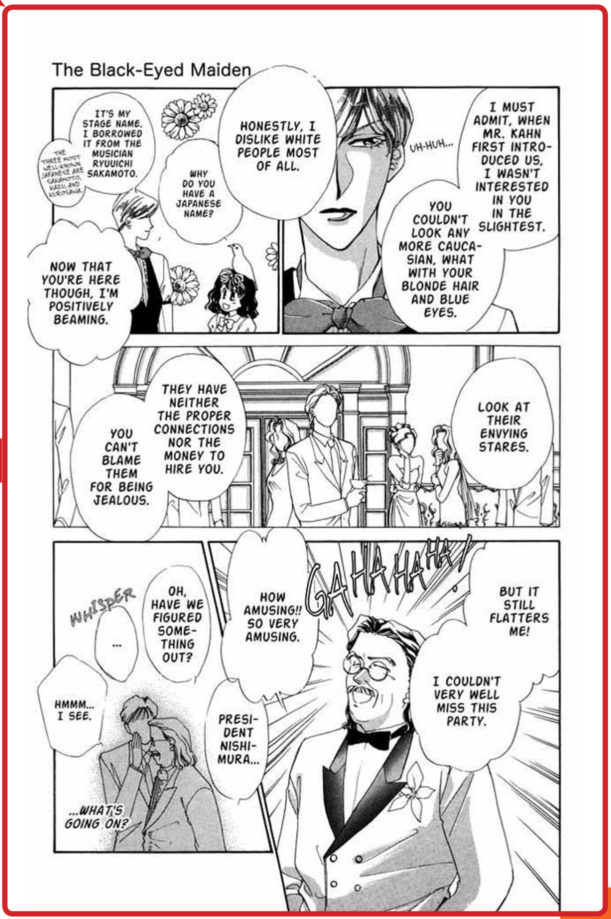
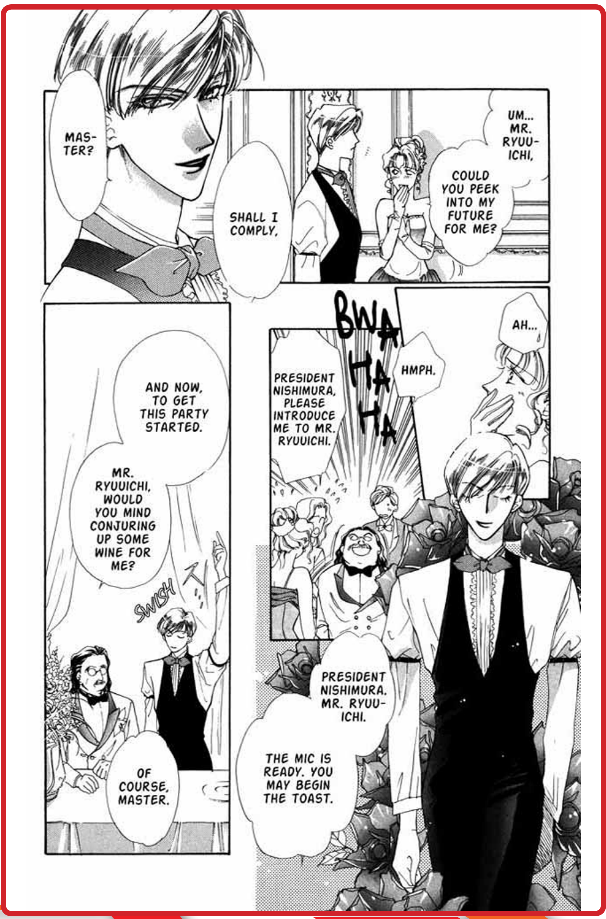
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHAT WHAT
DOVES?!
LOOK, ANDY! LOOK AT ALL THE DOVES!
I... I SEE THEM.
AND THIS,
COO
IS FOR YOU, MY LADY.
ISN'T THAT... MR. RYUUICHI?


...ARE YOU REFERRING TO THAT FAMOUS MAGICIAN FROM ENGLAND?
I AM INDEED. I HEAR THAT HE'S SO TALENTED THAT HE GETS INVITED TO ALL THE MAJOR SOCIAL EVENTS.
THEY SAY HE EVEN DOES FORTUNE-TELLING AND I HEAR HE'S ALWAYS RIGHT.
WORD IS THAT HE'S BEEN GETTING INVITATIONS TO ALL SORTS OF PARTIES AND PUTTING ON SHOWS FOR THEM.
WHY IS HE IN AMERICA AT A PARTY HOSTED BY A... JAPANESE COMPANY THEN? I HEAR HE DECLINES JOBS WITHOUT A REFERENCE;
BUT HE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM THAT MERCILESS TYCOON, PRESIDENT NISHIMURA, NONE-THE-LESS.
WHISPER
THAT BABOON IS ALWAYS FLAUNTING HIS MONEY. HE THROWS PILES OF CASH AT ANYONE AND EVERYTHING AND GETS WHAT HE WANTS EVERY TIME.
WHISPER
WHISPER
VERY IMPRESSIVE, RYUUICHI.
OH, MR. NISHIMURA.


The Black-Eyed Maiden
I MUST ADMIT, WHEN MR. KAHN FIRST INTRODUCED US, I WASN'T INTERESTED IN YOU IN THE SLIGHTEST.
UH-HUH...
YOU COULDN'T LOOK ANY MORE CAUCASIAN, WHAT WITH YOUR BLONDE HAIR AND BLUE EYES.
HONESTLY, I DISLIKE WHITE PEOPLE MOST OF ALL.
WHY DO YOU HAVE A JAPANESE NAME?
IT'S MY STAGE NAME. I BORROWED IT FROM THE MUSICIAN RYUUICHI SAKAMOTO.
THE THREE MOST WELL-KNOWN JAPANESE ARE SAKAMOTO, KAZU, AND KUROSAWA.
NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE THOUGH, I'M POSITIVELY BEAMING.
LOOK AT THEIR ENVYING STARES.
THEY HAVE NEITHER THE PROPER CONNECTIONS NOR THE MONEY TO HIRE YOU.
YOU CAN'T BLAME THEM FOR BEING JEALOUS.
BUT IT STILL FLATTERS ME!
I COULDN'T VERY WELL MISS THIS PARTY.
GAHAHAHA!
HOW AMUSING!! SO VERY AMUSING.
OH, HAVE WE FIGURED SOMETHING OUT?
PRESIDENT NISHIMURA...
WHISPER
...
HMMM... I SEE.
...WHAT'S GOING ON?


UM... MR. RYUUICHI,
COULD YOU PEEK INTO MY FUTURE FOR ME?
SHALL I COMPLY,
MASTER?
AH...
HMPH.
BWAHAHA
PRESIDENT NISHIMURA, PLEASE INTRODUCE ME TO MR. RYUUICHI.
PRESIDENT NISHIMURA. MR. RYUUICHI.
THE MIC IS READY. YOU MAY BEGIN THE TOAST.
AND NOW, TO GET THIS PARTY STARTED.
MR. RYUUICHI, WOULD YOU MIND CONJURING UP SOME WINE FOR ME?
SWISH
OF COURSE, MASTER.

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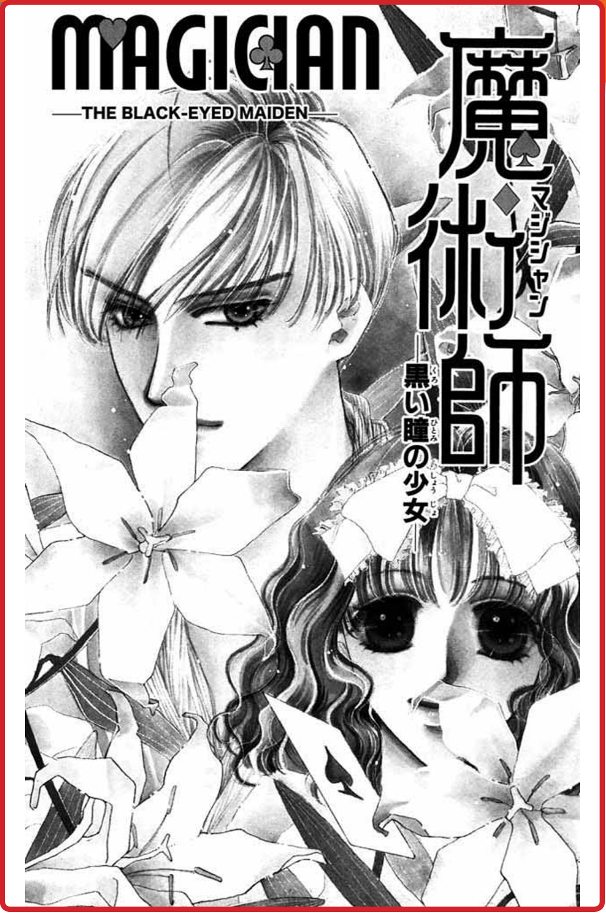
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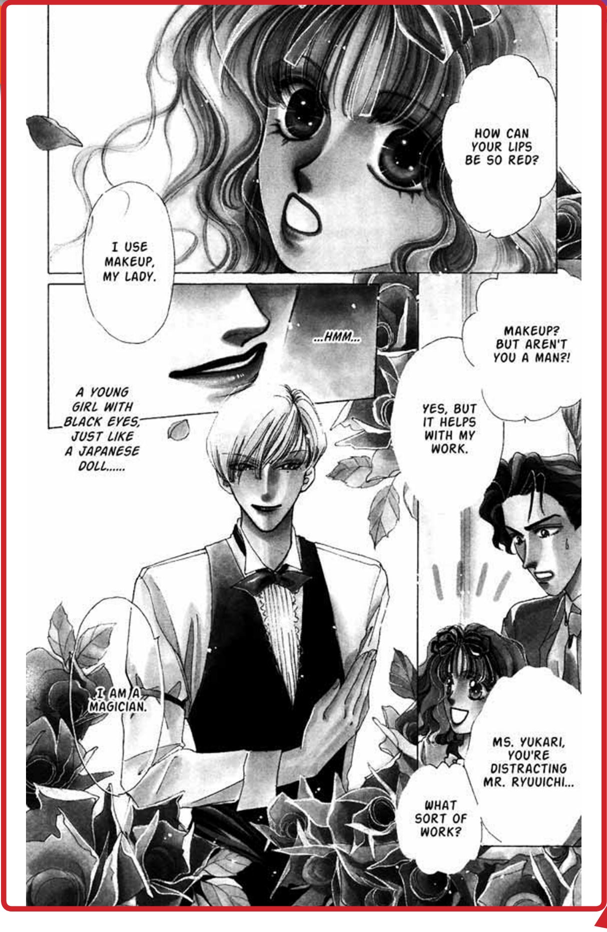
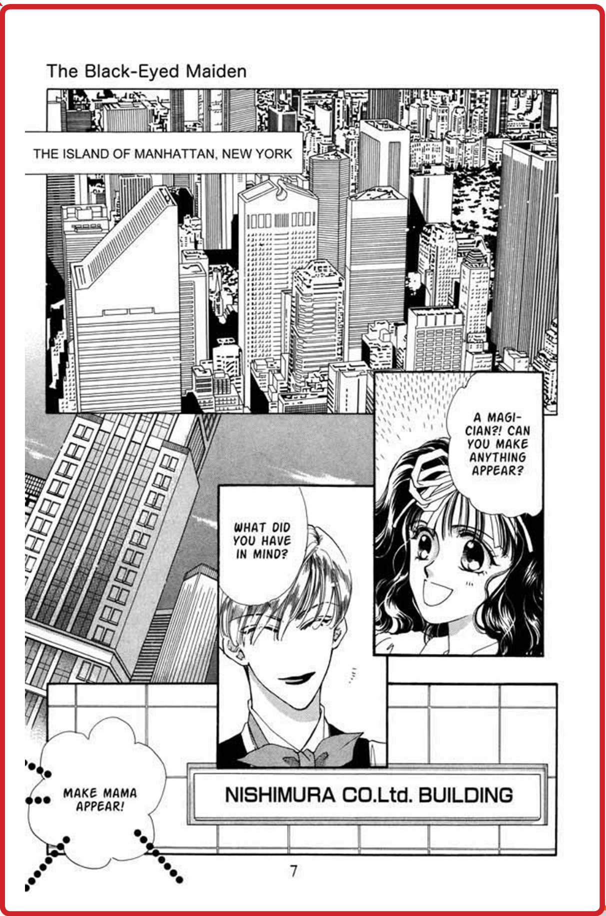

HOW CAN YOUR LIPS BE SO RED?
I USE MAKEUP, MY LADY.
MAKEUP? BUT AREN'T YOU A MAN?!
...HMM...
YES, BUT IT HELPS WITH MY WORK.
A YOUNG GIRL WITH BLACK EYES, JUST LIKE A JAPANESE DOLL......
MS. YUKARI, YOU'RE DISTRACTING MR. RYUUICHI...
WHAT SORT OF WORK?
I AM A MAGICIAN.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THE ISLAND OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK
A MAGI-CIAN?! CAN YOU MAKE ANYTHING APPEAR?
WHAT DID YOU HAVE IN MIND?
MAKE MAMA APPEAR!
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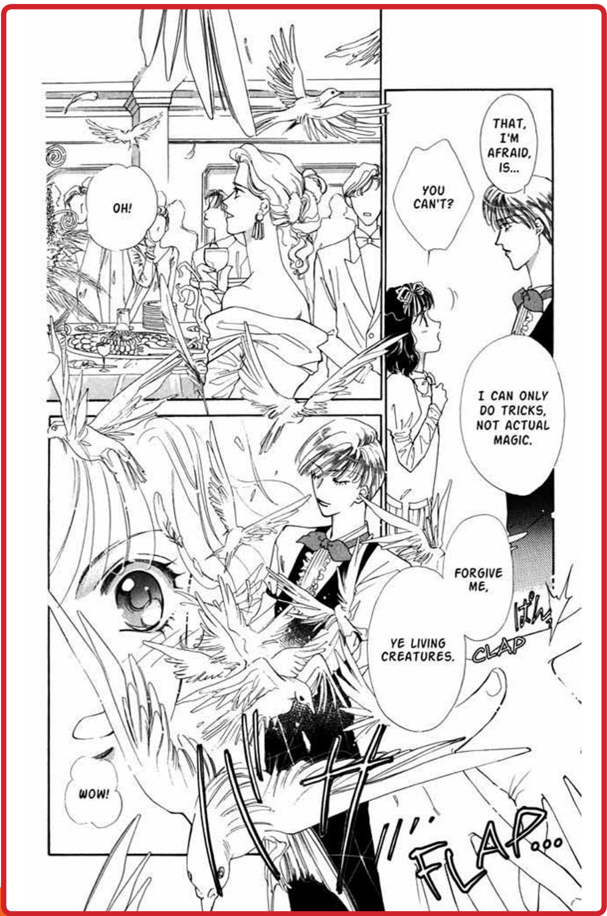
THAT, I'M AFRAID, IS...
YOU CAN'T?
OH!
I CAN ONLY DO TRICKS, NOT ACTUAL MAGIC.
FORGIVE ME,
YE LIVING CREATURES.
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CLAP
WOW!
FLAP...

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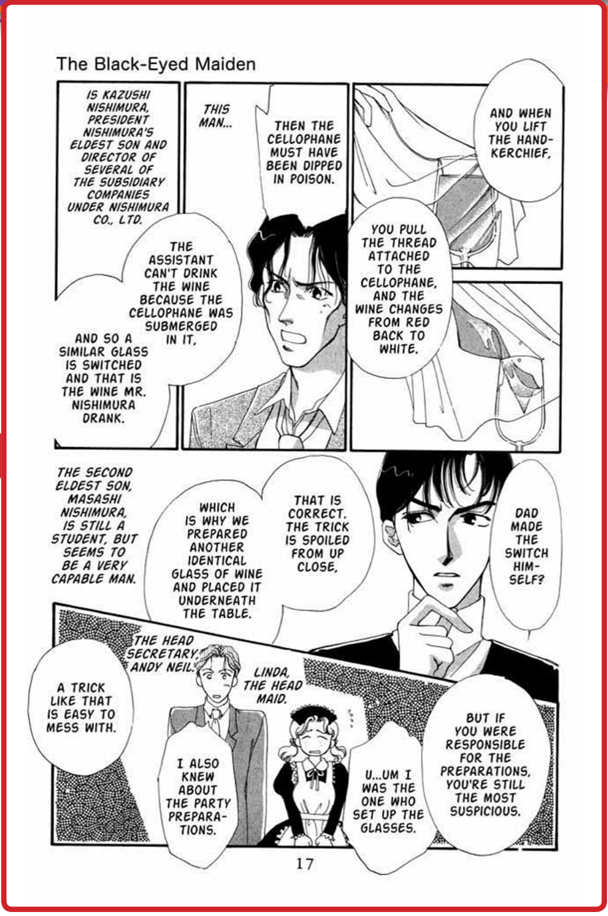
The Black-Eyed Maiden
AND WHEN YOU LIFT THE HANDKERCHIEF,
YOU PULL THE THREAD ATTACHED TO THE CELLOPHANE, AND THE WINE CHANGES FROM RED BACK TO WHITE.
THIS MAN...
IS KAZUSHI NISHIMURA, PRESIDENT NISHIMURA'S ELDEST SON AND DIRECTOR OF SEVERAL OF THE SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES UNDER NISHIMURA CO., LTD.
THEN THE CELLOPHANE MUST HAVE BEEN DIPPED IN POISON.
THE ASSISTANT CAN'T DRINK THE WINE BECAUSE THE CELLOPHANE WAS SUBMERGED IN IT.
AND SO A SIMILAR GLASS IS SWITCHED AND THAT IS THE WINE MR. NISHIMURA DRANK.
DAD MADE THE SWITCH HIMSELF?
THAT IS CORRECT. THE TRICK IS SPOILED FROM UP CLOSE,
WHICH IS WHY WE PREPARED ANOTHER IDENTICAL GLASS OF WINE AND PLACED IT UNDERNEATH THE TABLE.
THE SECOND ELDEST SON, MASASHI NISHIMURA, IS STILL A STUDENT, BUT SEEMS TO BE A VERY CAPABLE MAN.
BUT IF YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PREPARATIONS, YOU'RE STILL THE MOST SUSPICIOUS.
U...UM I WAS THE ONE WHO SET UP THE GLASSES.
LINDA, THE HEAD MAID.
I ALSO KNEW ABOUT THE PARTY PREPARATIONS.
THE HEAD SECRETARY ANDY NEIL.
A TRICK LIKE THAT IS EASY TO MESS WITH.
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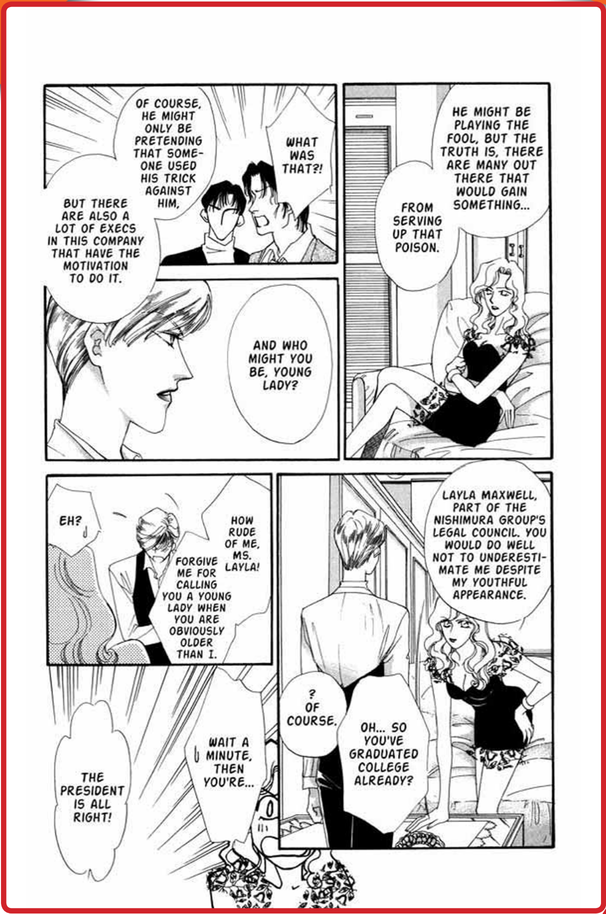
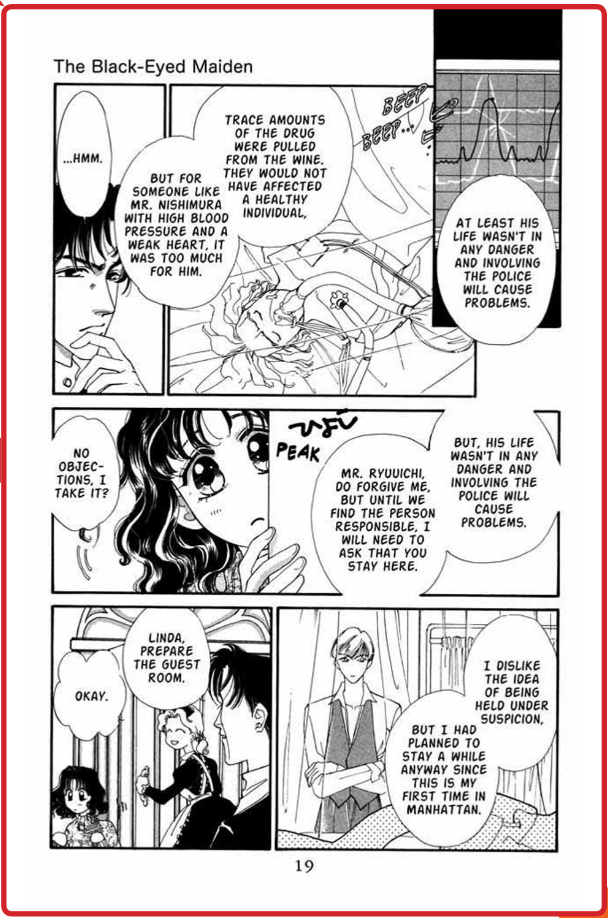

HE MIGHT BE PLAYING THE FOOL, BUT THE TRUTH IS, THERE ARE MANY OUT THERE WHO WOULD GAIN SOMETHING...
FROM SERVING UP THAT POISON.
WHAT WAS THAT?!
OF COURSE, HE MIGHT ONLY BE PRETENDING THAT SOMEONE USED HIS TRICK AGAINST HIM,
BUT THERE ARE ALSO A LOT OF EXECS IN THIS COMPANY THAT HAVE THE MOTIVATION TO DO IT.
AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE, YOUNG LADY?
LAYLA MAXWELL, PART OF THE NISHIMURA GROUP'S LEGAL COUNCIL. YOU WOULD DO WELL NOT TO UNDERESTIMATE ME DESPITE MY YOUTHFUL APPEARANCE.
HOW RUDE OF ME, MS. LAYLA!
FORGIVE ME FOR CALLING YOU A YOUNG LADY WHEN YOU ARE OBVIOUSLY OLDER THAN I.
EH?
OH... SO YOU'VE GRADUATED COLLEGE ALREADY?
? OF COURSE.
WAIT A MINUTE, THEN YOU'RE...
THE PRESIDENT IS ALL RIGHT!


The Black-Eyed Maiden
BEEP BEEP...
AT LEAST HIS LIFE WASN'T IN ANY DANGER AND INVOLVING THE POLICE WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS.
TRACE AMOUNTS OF THE DRUG WERE PULLED FROM THE WINE. THEY WOULD NOT HAVE AFFECTED A HEALTHY INDIVIDUAL,
BUT FOR SOMEONE LIKE MR. NISHIMURA WITH HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND A WEAK HEART, IT WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM.
...HMM.
BUT, HIS LIFE WASN'T IN ANY DANGER AND INVOLVING THE POLICE WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS.
MR. RYUUICHI, DO FORGIVE ME, BUT UNTIL WE FIND THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE, I WILL NEED TO ASK THAT YOU STAY HERE.
PEAK
NO OBJECTIONS, I TAKE IT?
I DISLIKE THE IDEA OF BEING HELD UNDER SUSPICION,
BUT I HAD PLANNED TO STAY A WHILE ANYWAY SINCE THIS IS MY FIRST TIME IN MANHATTAN.
LINDA, PREPARE THE GUEST ROOM.
OKAY.
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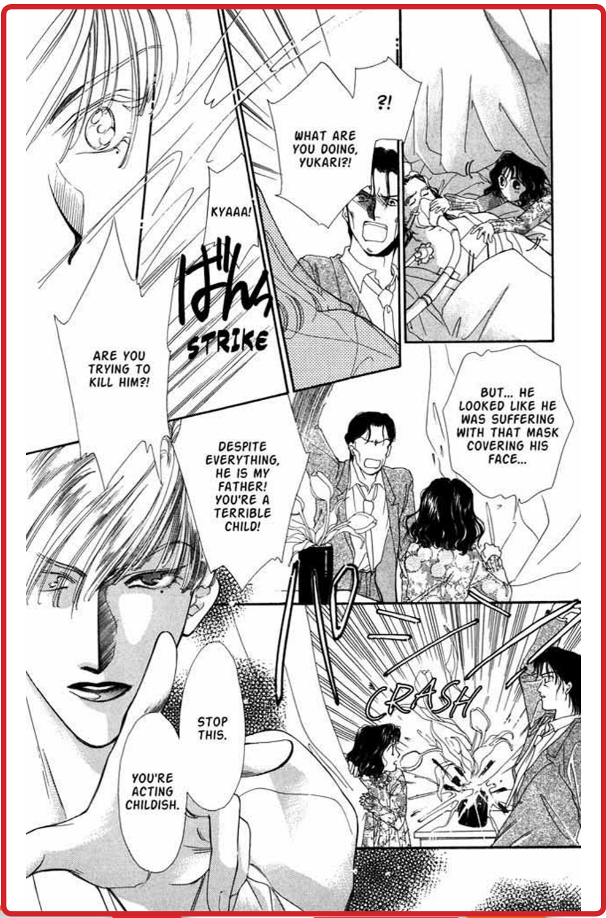
?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YUKARI?!
KYAAA!
ばん
STRIKE
ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL HIM?!
BUT... HE LOOKED LIKE HE WAS SUFFERING WITH THAT MASK COVERING HIS FACE...
DESPITE EVERYTHING, HE IS MY FATHER! YOU'RE A TERRIBLE CHILD!
CRASH
STOP THIS.
YOU'RE ACTING CHILDISH.

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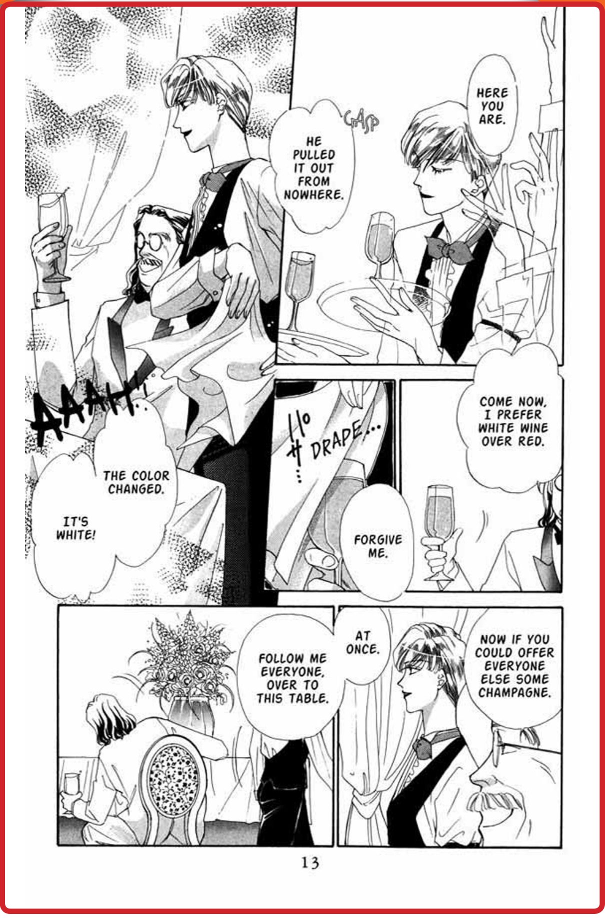
HERE YOU ARE.
GASP
HE PULLED IT OUT FROM NOWHERE.
COME NOW, I PREFER WHITE WINE OVER RED.
DRAPE...
AAAH!
THE COLOR CHANGED.
IT'S WHITE!
FORGIVE ME.
NOW IF YOU COULD OFFER EVERYONE ELSE SOME CHAMPAGNE.
AT ONCE.
FOLLOW ME EVERYONE, OVER TO THIS TABLE.
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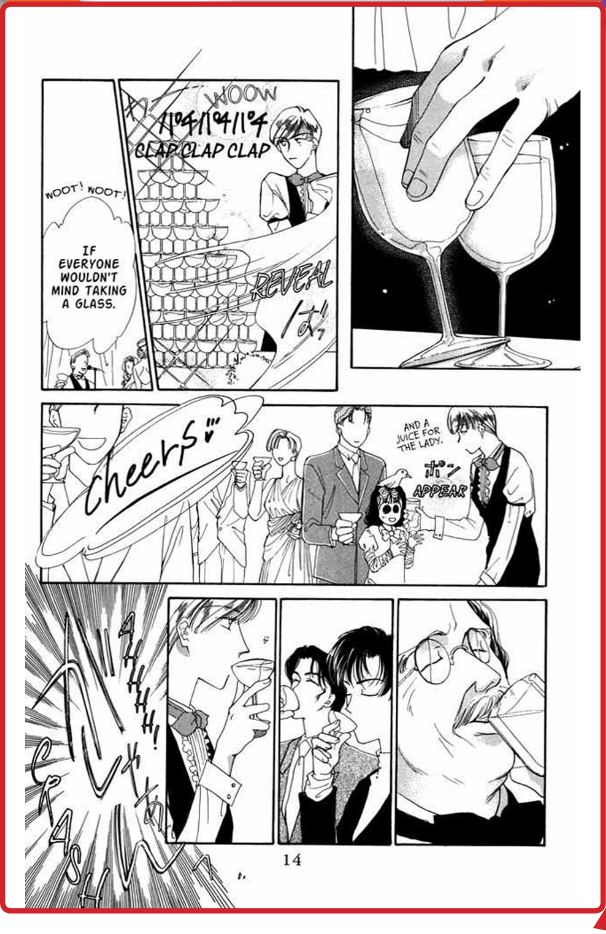
REVEAL
WOOW
CLAP CLAP CLAP
WOOT! WOOT!
IF EVERYONE WOULDN'T MIND TAKING A GLASS.
AND A JUICE FOR THE LADY.
APPEAR
Cheers♪
AHHH!
CRASH
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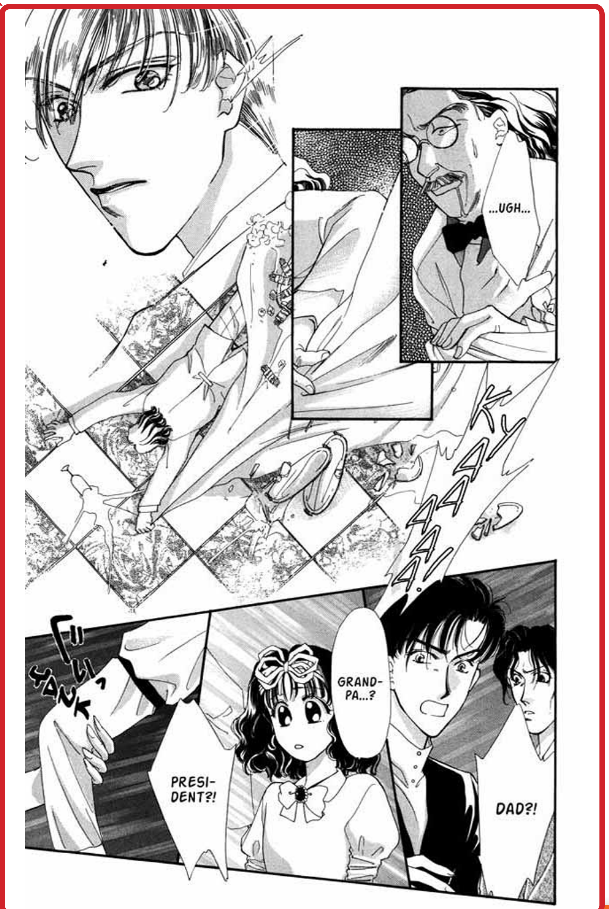
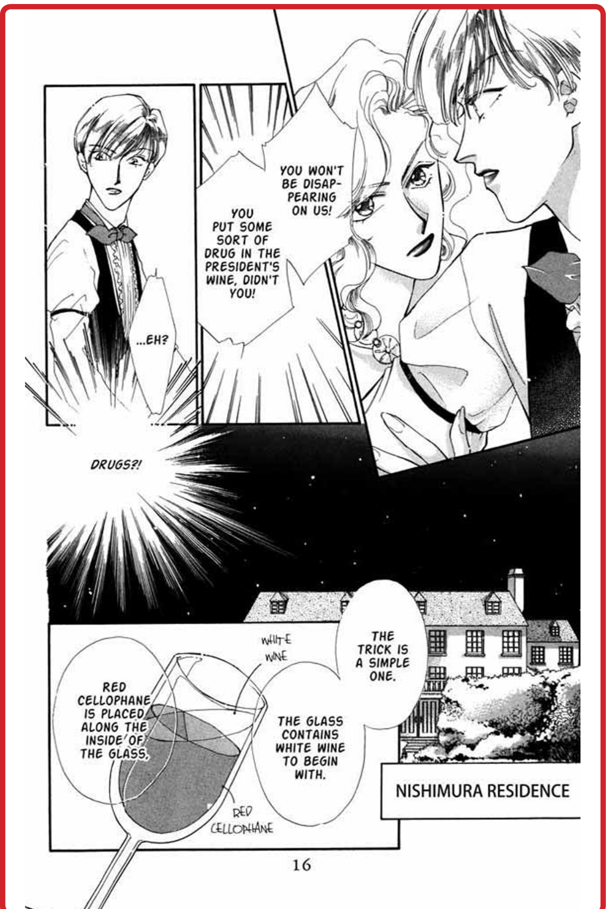

...UGH...
KYAAAAA!
YANK
DAD?!
GRAND-PA...?
PRESI-DENT?!


YOU WON'T BE DISAPPEARING ON US!
YOU PUT SOME SORT OF DRUG IN THE PRESIDENT'S WINE, DIDN'T YOU!
...EH?
DRUGS?!
NISHIMURA RESIDENCE
THE TRICK IS A SIMPLE ONE.
THE GLASS CONTAINS WHITE WINE TO BEGIN WITH.
WHITE WINE
RED CELLOPHANE IS PLACED ALONG THE INSIDE OF THE GLASS.
RED CELLOPHANE
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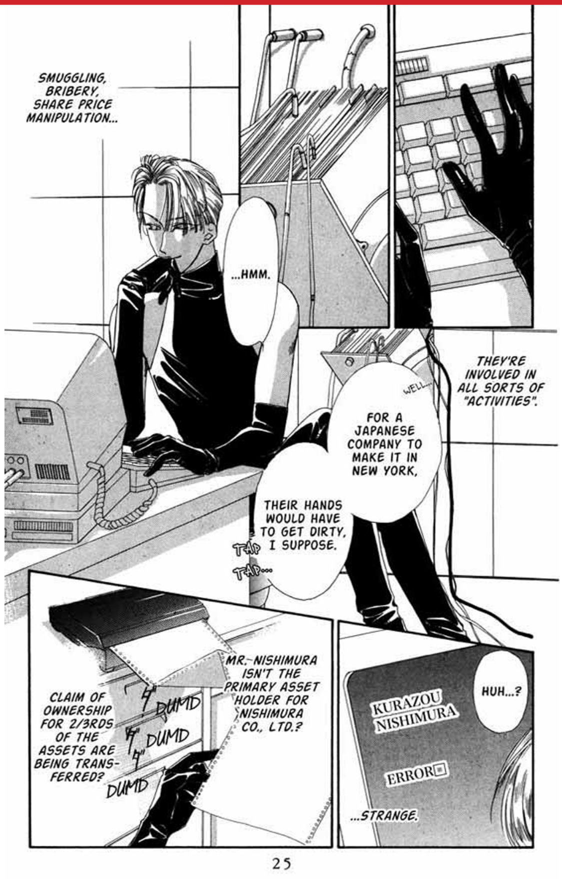
Magician


SMUGGLING, BRIBERY, SHARE PRICE MANIPULATION...
...HMM.
THEY'RE INVOLVED IN ALL SORTS OF "ACTIVITIES".
WELL...
FOR A JAPANESE COMPANY TO MAKE IT IN NEW YORK,
THEIR HANDS WOULD HAVE TO GET DIRTY, I SUPPOSE.
TAP TAP...
HUH...?
KURAZOU NISHIMURA
ERROR□
...STRANGE.
MR. NISHIMURA ISN'T THE PRIMARY ASSET HOLDER FOR NISHIMURA CO., LTD.?
DUMD DUMD DUMD
CLAIM OF OWNERSHIP FOR 2/3RDS OF THE ASSETS ARE TRANSFERRED?
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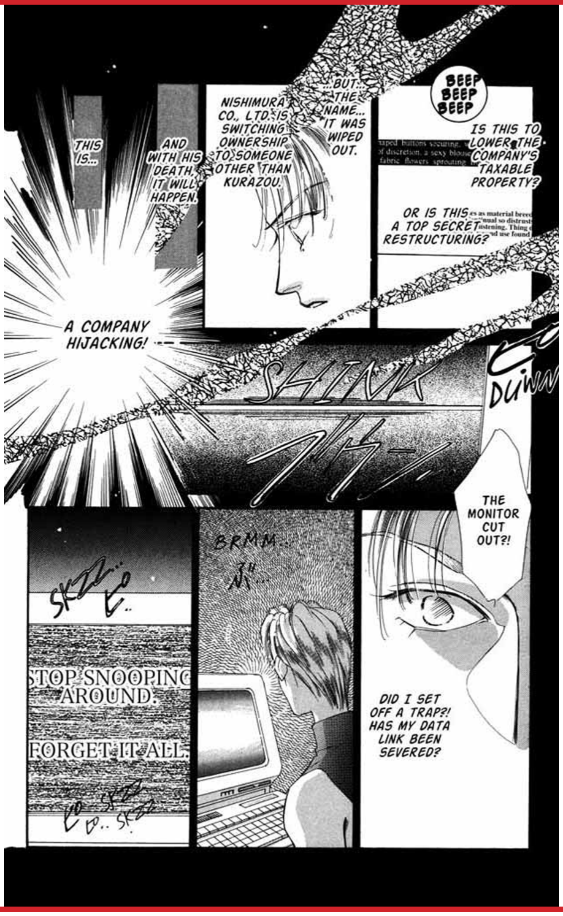
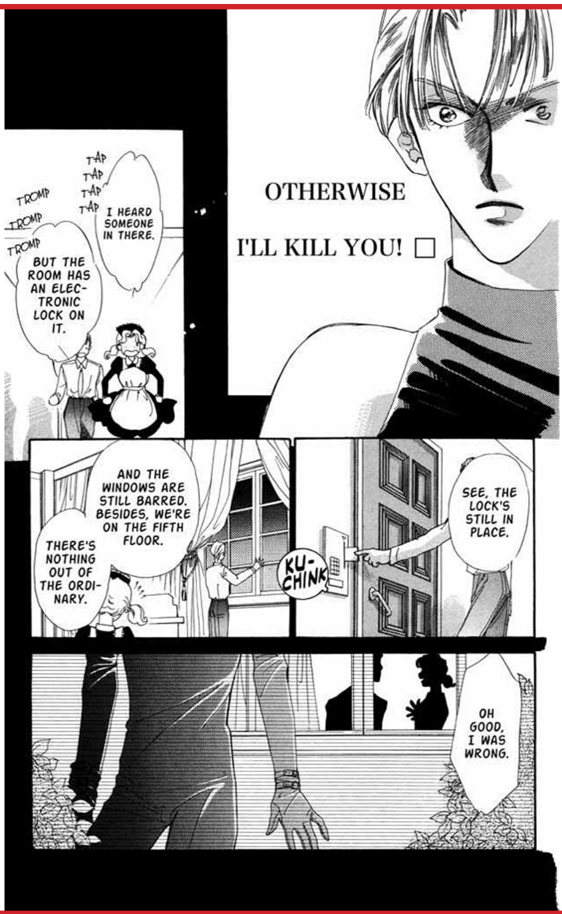
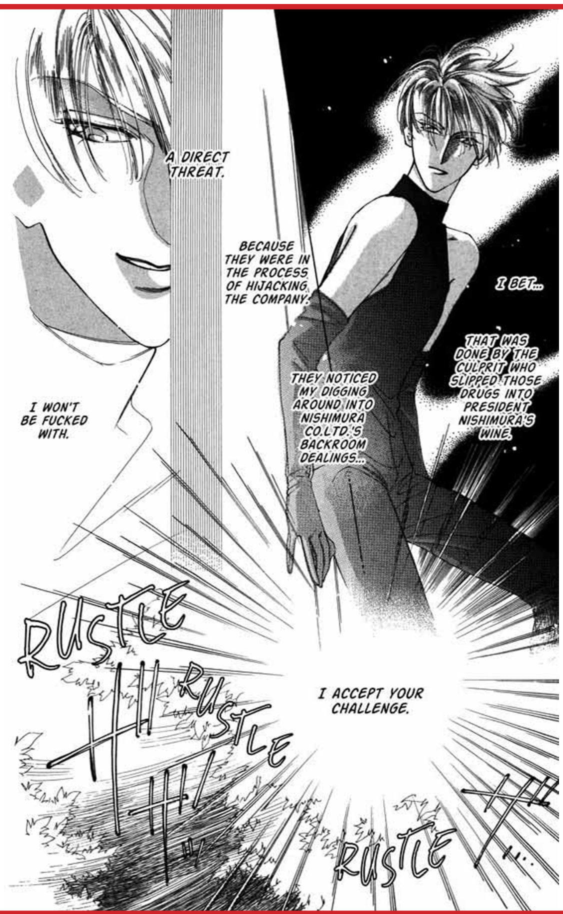

BEEP BEEP BEEP
IS THIS TO LOWER THE COMPANY'S TAXABLE PROPERTY?
OR IS THIS A TOP SECRET RESTRUCTURING?
...BUT... THE NAME... IT WAS WIPED OUT.
NISHIMURA CO., LTD. IS SWITCHING OWNERSHIP TO SOMEONE OTHER THAN KURAZOU.
AND WITH HIS DEATH, IT WILL HAPPEN.
THIS IS...
A COMPANY HIJACKING!
SHINK
DUWN
THE MONITOR CUT OUT?!
DID I SET OFF A TRAP?! HAS MY DATA LINK BEEN SEVERED?
BRMM
SKZZ...
STOP SNOOPING AROUND.
FORGET IT ALL.


OTHERWISE
I'LL KILL YOU! □
TAP TAP TAP TAP
I HEARD SOMEONE IN THERE.
TROMP TROMP TROMP
BUT THE ROOM HAS AN ELECTRONIC LOCK ON IT.
SEE, THE LOCK'S STILL IN PLACE.
KU-CHINK
AND THE WINDOWS ARE STILL BARRED. BESIDES, WE'RE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR.
THERE'S NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.
OH GOOD, I WAS WRONG.


I BET...
THAT WAS DONE BY THE CULPRIT WHO SLIPPED THOSE DRUGS INTO PRESIDENT NISHIMURA'S WINE.
BECAUSE THEY WERE IN THE PROCESS OF HIJACKING THE COMPANY.
THEY NOTICED MY DIGGING AROUND INTO NISHIMURA CO.LTD.'S BACKROOM DEALINGS...
A DIRECT THREAT.
I WON'T BE FUCKED WITH.
I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE.
RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE

STOP

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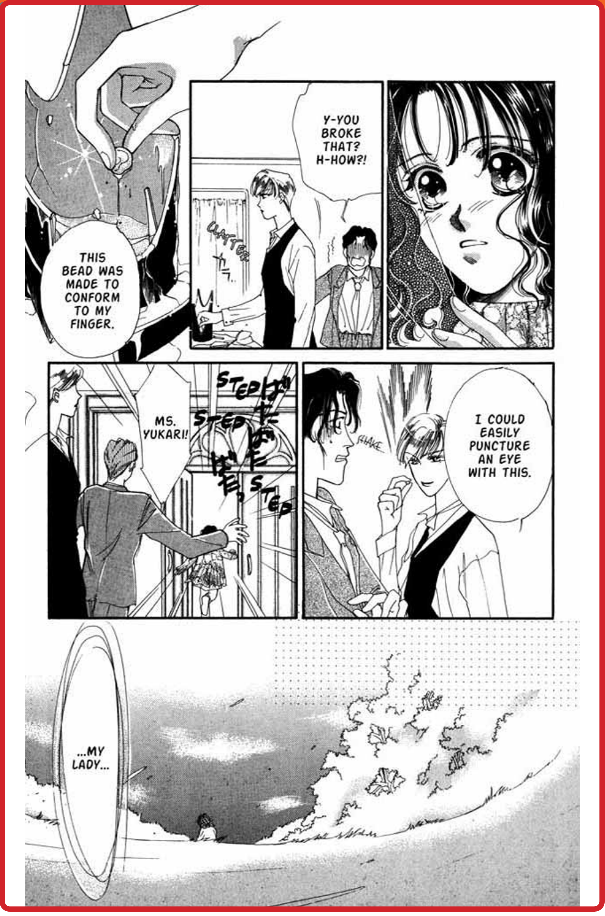
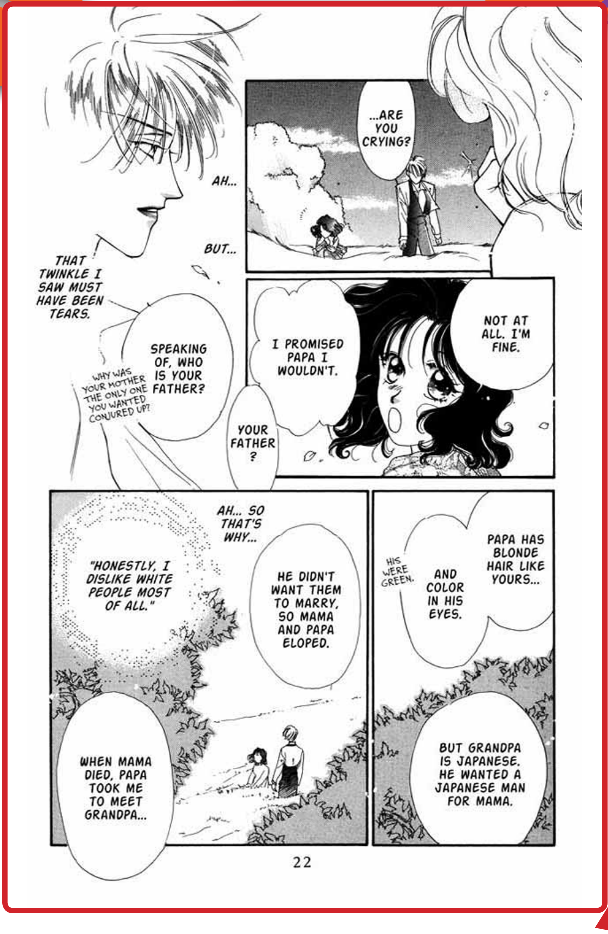
Magician


Y-YOU BROKE THAT? H-HOW?!
THIS BEAD WAS MADE TO CONFORM TO MY FINGER.
CLATTER
I COULD EASILY PUNCTURE AN EYE WITH THIS.
SHAKE
MS. YUKARI!
STEP STEP STEP STEP
...MY LADY...


...ARE YOU CRYING?
AH...
BUT...
THAT TWINKLE I SAW MUST HAVE BEEN TEARS.
NOT AT ALL. I'M FINE.
I PROMISED PAPA I WOULDN'T.
YOUR FATHER?
SPEAKING OF, WHO IS YOUR FATHER?
WHY WAS YOUR MOTHER THE ONLY ONE YOU WANTED CONJURED UP?
PAPA HAS BLONDE HAIR LIKE YOURS...
HIS WERE GREEN.
AND COLOR IN HIS EYES.
BUT GRANDPA IS JAPANESE. HE WANTED A JAPANESE MAN FOR MAMA.
AH... SO THAT'S WHY...
HE DIDN'T WANT THEM TO MARRY, SO MAMA AND PAPA ELOPED.
"HONESTLY, I DISLIKE WHITE PEOPLE MOST OF ALL."
WHEN MAMA DIED, PAPA TOOK ME TO MEET GRANDPA...
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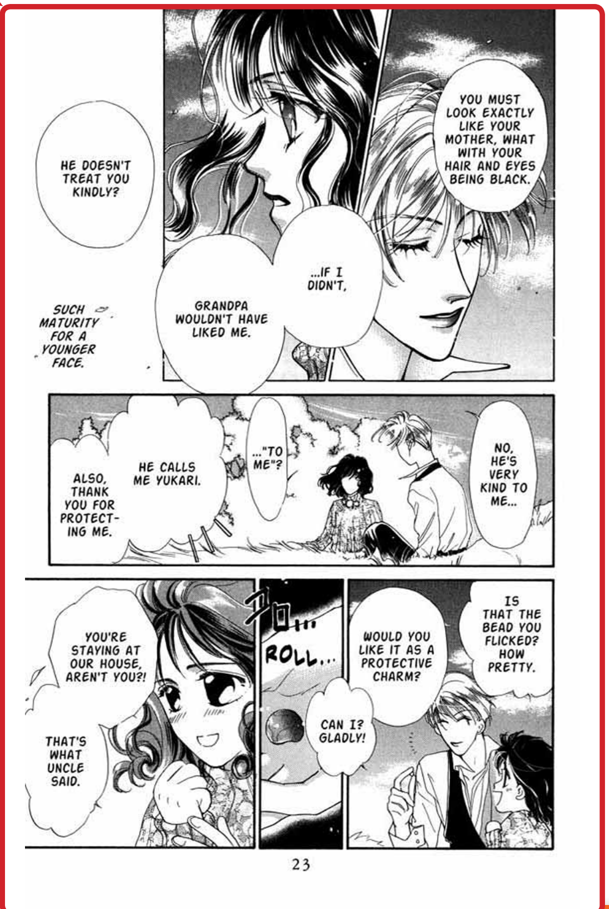
YOU MUST LOOK EXACTLY LIKE YOUR MOTHER, WHAT WITH YOUR HAIR AND EYES BEING BLACK.
...IF I DIDN'T,
GRANDPA WOULDN'T HAVE LIKED ME.
HE DOESN'T TREAT YOU KINDLY?
SUCH MATURITY FOR A YOUNGER FACE.
NO, HE'S VERY KIND TO ME...
..."TO ME"?
HE CALLS ME YUKARI.
ALSO, THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING ME.
IS THAT THE BEAD YOU FLICKED? HOW PRETTY.
WOULD YOU LIKE IT AS A PROTECTIVE CHARM?
CAN I? GLADLY!
ROLL...
YOU'RE STAYING AT OUR HOUSE, AREN'T YOU?!
THAT'S WHAT UNCLE SAID.
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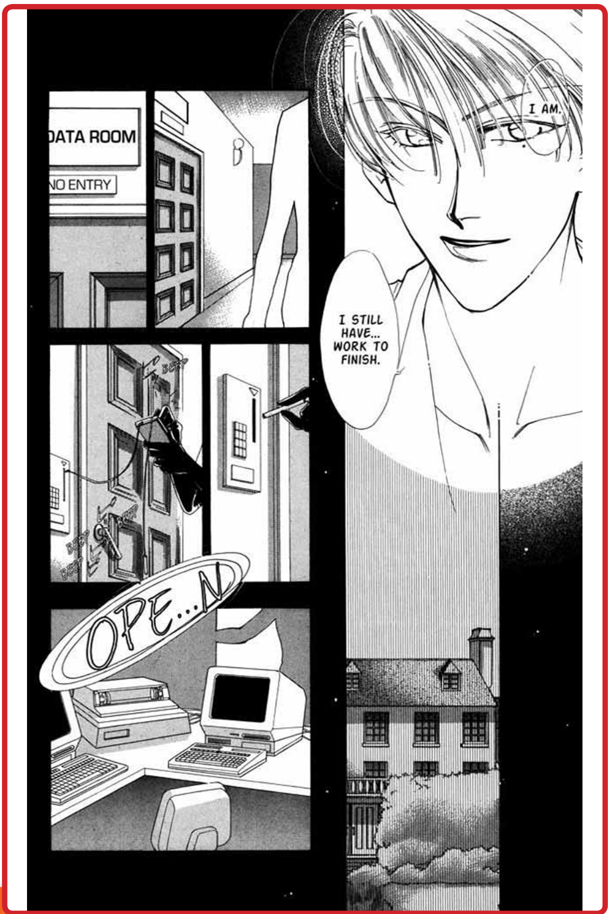
I AM.
I STILL HAVE... WORK TO FINISH.
DATA ROOM
NO ENTRY
BEEP
OPE...N

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Nintendo
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Everyone
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March 21

Hyperdimension Neptunia Victory
NIS • Gust, Compile Heart
RPG • PS3

Trials Evolution (Gold Edition)
Microsoft • RedLynx
Racing • PC

March 22

Resident Evil 6
Capcom
Action, Adventure • PC

March 24

Luigi's Mansion: Dark Moon
Nintendo • Next Level Games
Platformer • 3DS

Pokémon Mystery Dungeon: Gates to Infinity
Nintendo
RPG • 3DS

March 26

Army of Two: The Devil's Cartel
Electronic Arts • Visceral Games
Shooter • PS3, X360

BioShock Infinite
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Shooter • PC, PS3, X360

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Square Enix
Role-Playing, MMO • PC, X360

Final Fantasy XI: Ultimate Collection (Seeker's Edition)
Square Enix
Role-Playing, MMO • X360

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Talking Stick Games
Compilation • NDS

Slender: The Arrival
Blue Isle Studios
Adventure • PC

Sniper Elite 2 - Silver Star
505 Games • Rebellion Software
Action • PS3, X360

The Walking Dead: Survival Instinct
Activision • Terminal Reality
Shooter • Wii-U, X360

Tiger Woods PGA Tour 14
Electronic Arts • Tiburon
Sports • PS3, X360

Tiger Woods PGA Tour 14: Masters Historic Edition
Electronic Arts • Tiburon
Sports • PS3, X360

March 28

Dungeon Hearts
Devolver Digital • Cube Roots
Puzzle • PC

Hyperdimension Neptunia Victory

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Spring 2

Ryu Hayabusa — Ninja Gaiden 3: Razor's Edge

HarmoKnight
Nintendo • Game Freak
Platformer • 3DS

Tactical Intervention
OGPlanet • FIX Korea, Co. LTD
Action, Shooter • PC

Apr 2

Defiance
Namco Bandai • Trion Worlds
Action • PC, PS3, X360

Defiance Collector's Edition
Namco Bandai • Trion Worlds
Action • PS3, X360

Ninja Gaiden III: Razor's Edge
Tecmo • Team Ninja
Action • PS3, X360

Super Black Bass 3D
Hunting • Rising Star Games
Hunting • 3DS

Apr 9

Age of Empires II HD Edition
Hidden Path Entertainment • Ensemble Studios
Strategy • PC

Apr 10

Age of Wushu
Snail Game
Role-Playing • PC

ShootMania Storm
Ubisoft • Nadeo
Action • PC

Apr 11

Dillon's Rolling Western: The Last Ranger
Nintendo
Adventure • 3DS

Apr 15

Painkiller: Hell & Damnation
Nordic Games • The Farm 51
Shooter • PS3, X360

Apr 16

Injustice: Gods Among Us
Warner Bros. Interactive • NetherRealm Studios
Fighting • PS3, Wii-U, X360

Injustice: Gods Among Us Battle Edition
Warner Bros. Interactive • NetherRealm Studios
Fighting • X360

Injustice: Gods Among Us Collector's Edition
Warner Bros. Interactive • NetherRealm Studios
Fighting • PS3, X360

Pandora's Tower
Xseed Games • Ganbarion
Adventure • Wii

Shin Megami Tensei: Devil Summoner: Soul Hackers
Atlus
Role-Playing • 3DS

Apr 19

We Sing: UK Hits
Nordic Games Publishing • Le Cortex
Music • Wii

Apr 21

LEGO City Undercover: The Chase Begins
NA
Adventure • 3DS

Apr 23

Dead Island Riptide
Deep Silver • Techland
Action • PC

Dead Island Riptide: Rigor Mortis Collector's Edition
Deep Silver • Techland
Action • PS3, X360

Dead Island Riptide: Special Edition
Deep Silver • Techland
Action • PS3, X360

Shin Megami Tensei
Devil Summoner
Soul Hackers
Nintendo 3DS
RP

Wii U
Bayonetta 2
Mature
M
Content rated by ESRB
PlatinumGames Inc.
Nintendo

Dragon's Dogma: Dark Arisen
Capcom
Action, RPG • PS3, X360

Puzzler World 2013
Maximum Games
Puzzle • 3DS

Star Trek: The Game
Paramount Digital Entertainment, Namco Bandai • Digital Extremes
Action • PC, PS3, X360

Apr 30

Deadly Premonition The Director's Cut
Aksys Games, Inc
Action, Horror • PS3

FUSE
Electronic Arts
Action • PS3, X360

Soul Sacrifice
Sony Computer Entertainment
Role-Playing • Vita

May 1

Bayonetta 2
Nintendo of America
Action • Wii-U

The Wonderful 101
Nintendo of America
Action • Wii-U

May 2

Might & Magic Heroes VI - Shades of Darkness
Ubisoft
Strategy • PC

May 14

Metro: Last Light
Deep Silver • 4A Games
Shooter • PC, PS3, X360

May 21

Resident Evil Revelations
Capcom
Action, Adventure • PC, PS3, Wii-U, X360

May 24

Donkey Kong Country Retuns 3D
Nintendo of America
Action • 3DS

Sniper Elite V2
505 Games • Rebellion
Action • Wii-U

May 28

Grid 2
Codemasters
Racing • PC, PS3, X360

May 29

The Night of the Rabbit
Daedalic Entertainment
Adventure • Mac, PC

Jun 4

Dark
Kalypso Media • Realmforge Studios
Action • PC, X360

Remember Me
Capcom • DONTNOD Entertainment
Action, Adventure • PC, PS3, X360

Jun 9

Animal Crossing: New Leaf
Nintendo
Simulation • 3DS

Jun 14

The Last of Us
Sony Computer Entertainment • Naughty Dog Software
Action • PS3

The Last of Us Survival Edition
Sony Computer Entertainment • Naughty Dog Software
Action • PS3

Injustice: Gods Among Us

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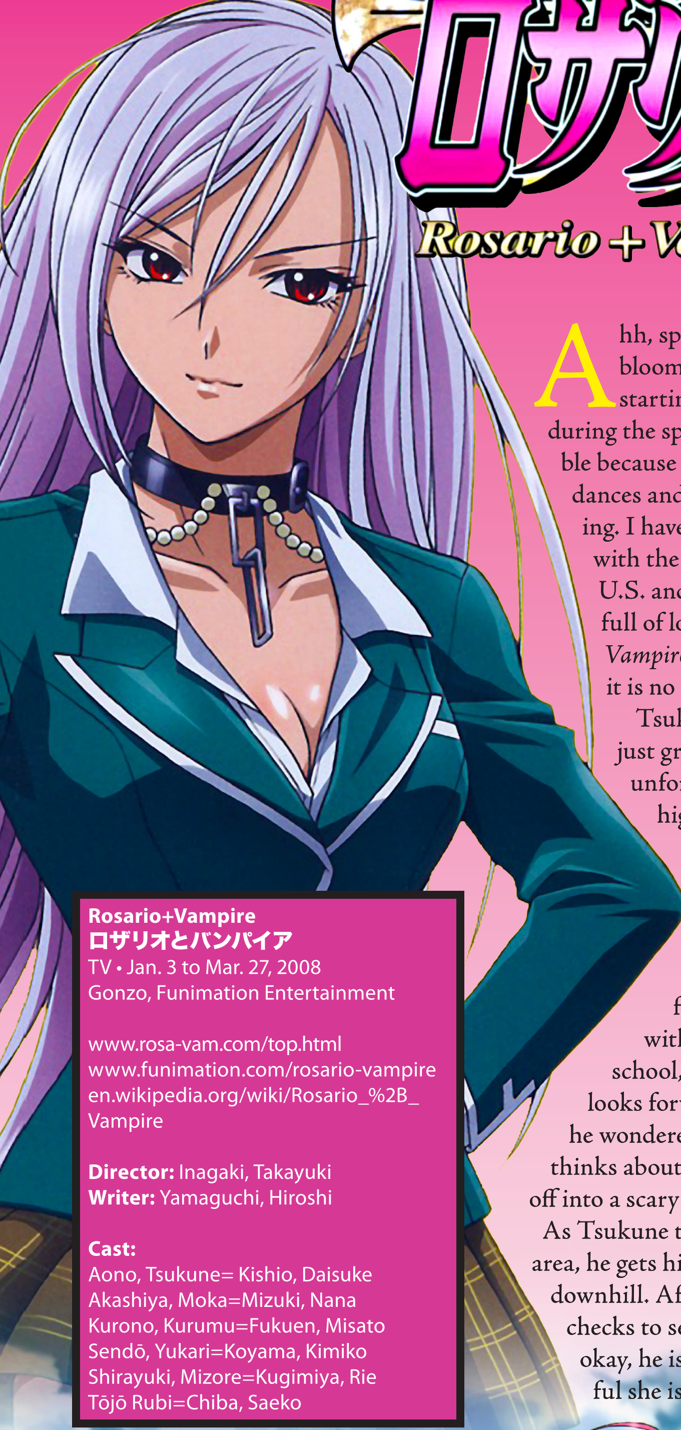
Rosario + Vampire



Ahh, spring has come and love is in full bloom. Spring is the season when starting couples are formed. School during the spring is a time that is memorable because of nice weather, eating outside, dances and lastly girls not in winter clothing. I have been trying to keep current with the anime that is available in the U.S. and stumbled onto one that is full of love but with a twist. *Rosario + Vampire* has caught my attention and it is no ordinary high school story.

Tsukune Aono an average guy who just graduated from middle school; unfortunately he did not pass the high school entrance exam. As his classmates go their separate ways, Tsukune has to wait another year to take the entrance exam again.

As luck would turn out, his father stumbled upon a folder with an acceptance letter to a high school, "Yokai Academy." As Tsukune looks forward to going to high school, he wondered what it would be like. As he thinks about it on the bus, he gets dropped off into a scary place.

As Tsukune takes a walk examining the area, he gets hit by a girl riding a bike going downhill. After being knocked down he checks to see if the girl who hit him is okay, he is in shock to see how beautiful she is. The beautiful girl, Moka Akashiya, apologizes to him but is infatuated with the smell that is coming from him. Without Tsukune's knowing of Moka, an actual vampire, she leans in and sucks on his blood. She does mention to him that she is a vampire but he did not take her seriously.

After the incident, they both become their first friend in the academy. As they both get to school and learn about their new school, his homeroom teacher tells them that the academy is for monsters only. The only rules for this school are to stay in human form and not tell anyone what type of monster you are. As for humans, the monsters do not care for humans at all. As for Tsukune knowing the rules, he hides his identity of being human to survive this school.

As Tsukune goes on knowing about the school he gets into a fight to save Moka from being forced to date a monster she does not like. As he tries to protect her, Tsukune gets hurt badly and Moka saves him instead. By accident while Tsukune tries to save Moka from getting hurt, he pulls off her pendant on her chest. As the pendant came off, her true vampire side came out. As he sees her true form, his is in awe and the story of his life in Yokai Academy starts.

This is a great show for those who like comedy plus monsters. It is a short series made of 12 episodes for season one and 13 more episodes for season two. There are more funny characters that get involved and that you will enjoy. If you have some time to watch, it is worth the watch since it is different from the usual high school story.

❖ Yukimura82

Rosario+Vampire
ロザリオとバンパイア
TV • Jan. 3 to Mar. 27, 2008
Gonzo, Funimation Entertainment

www.rosa-vam.com/top.html
www.funimation.com/rosario-vampire
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosario_%2B_Vampire

Director: Inagaki, Takayuki
Writer: Yamaguchi, Hiroshi

Cast:
Aono, Tsukune= Kishio, Daisuke
Akashiya, Moka=Mizuki, Nana
Kurono, Kurumu=Fukuen, Misato
Sendō, Yukari=Koyama, Kimiko
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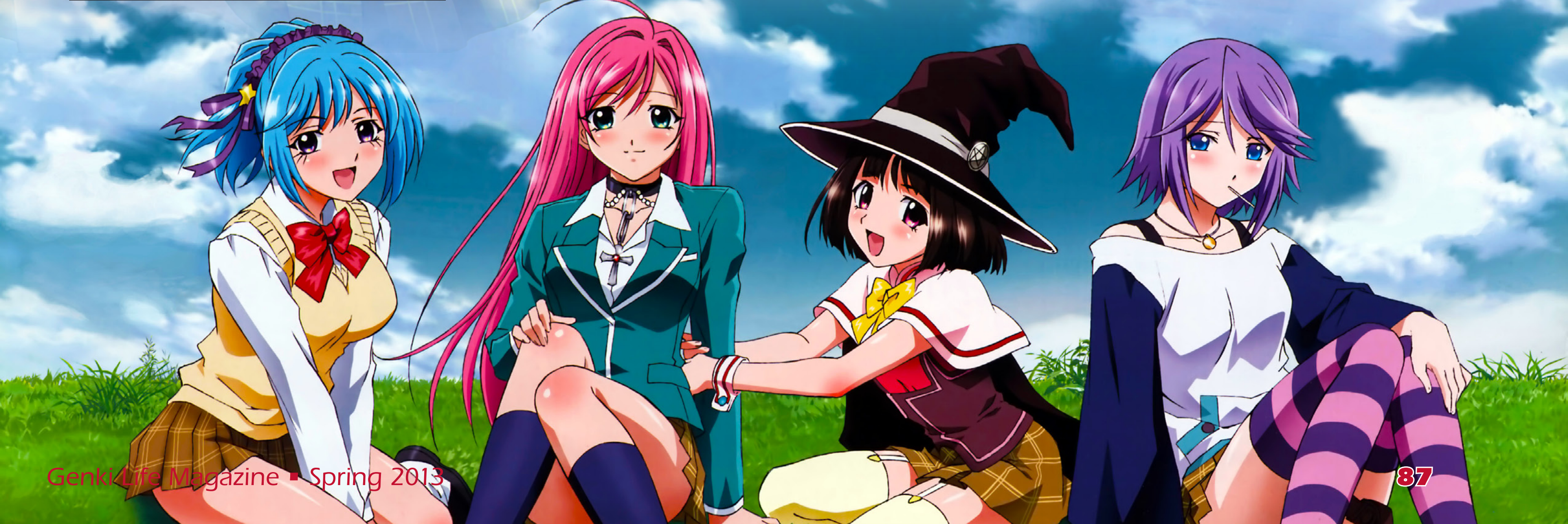

COLORFUL DREAMS
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COLORFUL DREAMS
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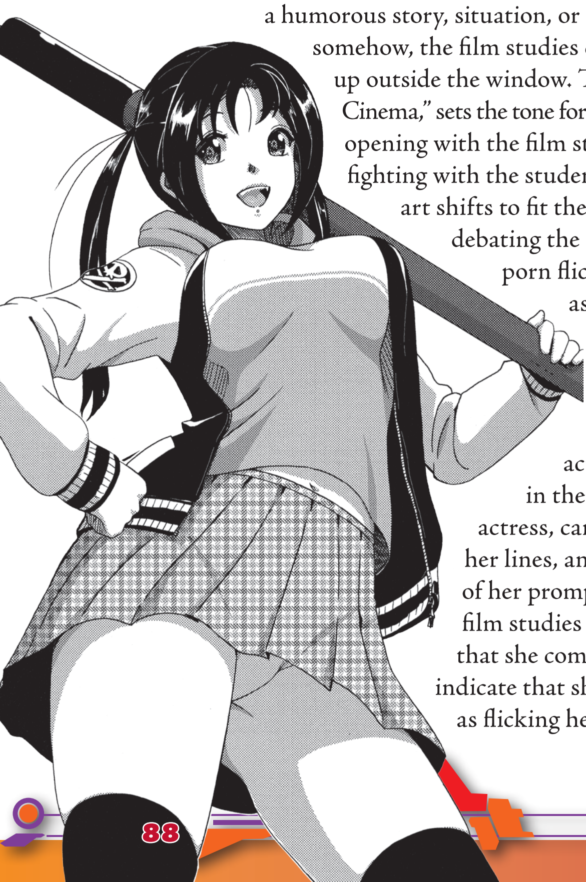
Colorful Dreams by RYOHZOH is a collection of nine interconnected one-shots centered around one campus, with each story titled after a color. Between the activities of the film studies students, writers, artists, and the band, eighteen students pair off… aided by the seemingly omnipresent film studies captain. Though this may sound gimmicky and contrived, the characters are actually connected in ways that make sense, and it's fun to watch the stories hop around between characters and situations that have been previously introduced or alluded to. Because the context is continuous, characters and situations are never simply dropped in front of you to be built from the ground up.

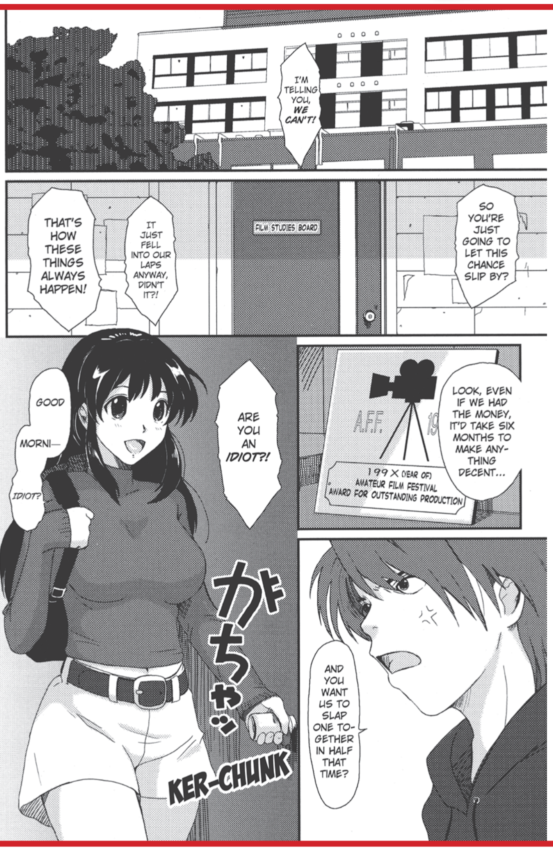
One of the most outstanding aspects of this collection is the seamless integration of humor. And not funny because the sex becomes overdone and awkward (we've all been there before), but because the humor is meant to be there. The buildup to the sex often involves a humorous story, situation, or dialogue — and somehow, the film studies captain often ends up outside the window. The first story, "Blue Cinema," sets the tone for the rest of the stories, opening with the film studies captain fighting with the student film director. The art shifts to fit the comical situation of debating the merits of making a porn flick to generate funds, as two other members watch with amusement. Other stories, such as "Pink Prompter," actually include humor in the sex. Suzumi, a new actress, can't seem to nail down her lines, and needs the support of her prompter, Takeo. The film studies captain suggests that she come up with a "natural" indicate that she needs a line from as flicking her eyebrows. No one thinks this is natural, but it is hilarious when Suzumi mimics it to request a line from Takeo to initiate the sexual encounter.

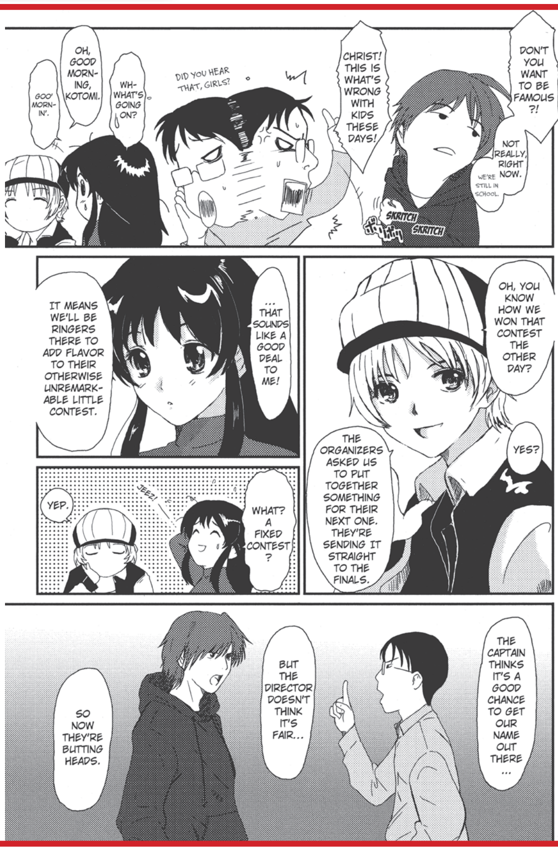


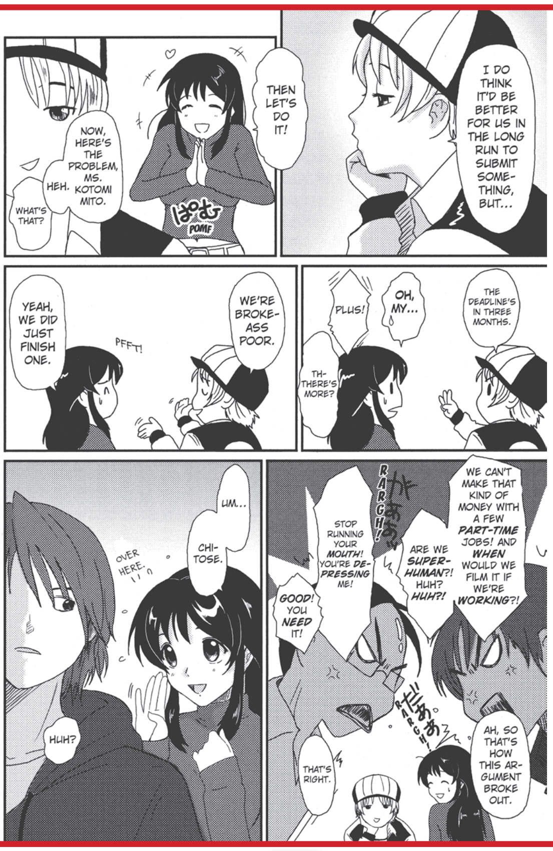
"Pink Prompter" is also a good example of these stories going a bit farther than other hentai collections to build up a situation rather than just focusing on the sex. Of course, as with most Project-H titles thus far, the sex is the highlight, but *Colorful Dreams* effectively titillates. For example, the progression of the sex in "Pink Prompter" is based on verbal dominance, as Suzumi asks Takeo to tell her what to say. In the immediately preceding story, "Orange Snap," a very sophisticated-looking photographer named Koma initially controls the encounter, her cool approach to "cheering up" band member Taro matching her looks. Both of these stories back off by the end to have the woman "losing control" and enjoying the encounter, making them resemble more standard narratives, but they at least tap the potential for more diverse sexual situations.

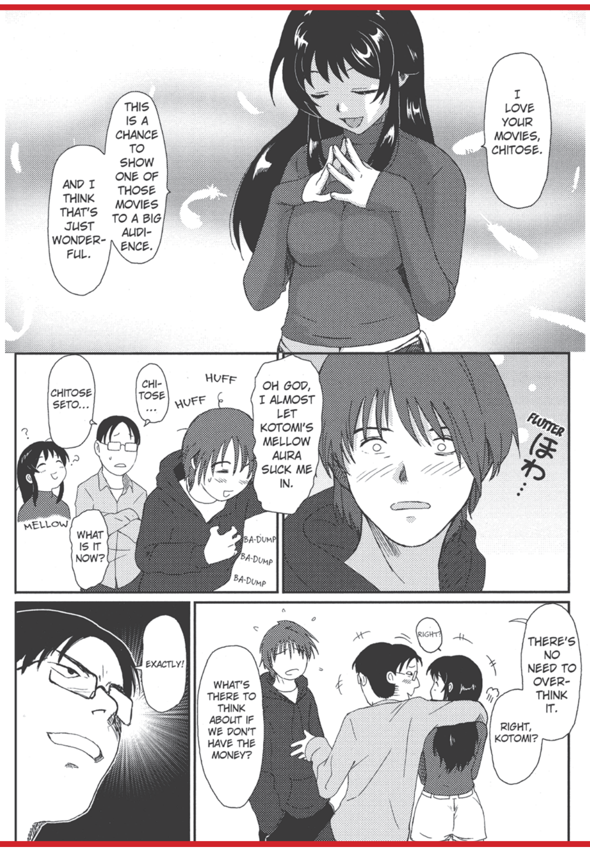
Colorful Dreams also presents a visually diverse set of characters. Koma has short hair and appears almost tomboyish. "Blue Cinema"'s female character, Kotomi, is a more classic long-haired, shy sweetheart. Some of the women, like the final story's Sarina, are explicitly acknowledged as buxom beauties, while others are more of the girl next door. Their male counterparts are equally diverse. "Purpure Soul" is about a young man named Kimoto who refers to himself as an ugly dwarf (the young woman who's had a crush on him replies that she's just "too tall"), while "Sepiangle" features a handsome young man who almost resembles the tomboy he is paired with.

While Project-H titles are commendable for their sexual content, *Colorful Dreams* is this and more. The stories are clearly intertwined while also being distinct, and the humor makes the stories feel natural and easy. Because they are one-shots characters may not be as developed as they are in longer stories, but they are easily distinguishable and it's nice to see women who don't necessarily conform to the long hair, large breasts stereotype. It's even more refreshing to read a collection that is as fun as it is sexy. ❖ Alanna Mori


I'M TELLING YOU, WE CAN'T!
SO YOU'RE JUST GOING TO LET THIS CHANCE SLIP BY?
FILM STUDIES BOARD
IT JUST FELL INTO OUR LAPS ANYWAY, DIDN'T IT?!
THAT'S HOW THESE THINGS ALWAYS HAPPEN!
LOOK, EVEN IF WE HAD THE MONEY, IT'D TAKE SIX MONTHS TO MAKE ANYTHING DECENT...
A.F.F. 19
199X (YEAR OF) AMATEUR FILM FESTIVAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?!
GOOD
MORNI—
IDIOT?
AND YOU WANT US TO SLAP ONE TOGETHER IN HALF THAT TIME?
かちゃ
KER-CHUNK


DON'T YOU WANT TO BE FAMOUS?!
NOT REALLY, RIGHT NOW.
WE'RE STILL IN SCHOOL.
CHRIST! THIS IS WHAT'S WRONG WITH KIDS THESE DAYS!
SKRITCH SKRITCH
DID YOU HEAR THAT, GIRLS?
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?
OH, GOOD MORNING, KOTOMI.
GOO' MORNIN'.
OH, YOU KNOW HOW WE WON THAT CONTEST THE OTHER DAY?
YES?
THE ORGANIZERS ASKED US TO PUT TOGETHER SOMETHING FOR THEIR NEXT ONE. THEY'RE SENDING IT STRAIGHT TO THE FINALS.
...THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD DEAL TO ME!
IT MEANS WE'LL BE RINGERS THERE TO ADD FLAVOR TO THEIR OTHERWISE UNREMARKABLE LITTLE CONTEST.
WHAT? A FIXED CONTEST?
JEEZ!
YEP.
THE CAPTAIN THINKS IT'S A GOOD CHANCE TO GET OUR NAME OUT THERE...
BUT THE DIRECTOR DOESN'T THINK IT'S FAIR...
SO NOW THEY'RE BUTTING HEADS.


I DO THINK IT'D BE BETTER FOR US IN THE LONG RUN TO SUBMIT SOMETHING, BUT...
THEN LET'S DO IT!
ぱむ POMF
NOW, HERE'S THE PROBLEM, MS. KOTOMI MITO.
HEH.
WHAT'S THAT?
WE'RE BROKE-ASS POOR.
PFFT!
YEAH, WE DID JUST FINISH ONE.
THE DEADLINE'S IN THREE MONTHS.
OH, MY...
PLUS!
TH-THERE'S MORE?
WE CAN'T MAKE THAT KIND OF MONEY WITH A FEW PART-TIME JOBS! AND WHEN WOULD WE FILM IT IF WE'RE WORKING?!
ARE WE SUPER-HUMAN?! HUH? HUH?!
かああ RARGH!
STOP RUNNING YOUR MOUTH! YOU'RE DEPRESSING ME!
GOOD! YOU NEED IT!
だああ RARGH!
AH, SO THAT'S HOW THIS ARGUMENT BROKE OUT.
THAT'S RIGHT.
UM...
CHI-TOSE.
OVER HERE.
HUH?


I LOVE YOUR MOVIES, CHITOSE.
THIS IS A CHANCE TO SHOW ONE OF THOSE MOVIES TO A BIG AUDIENCE.
AND I THINK THAT'S JUST WONDERFUL.
FLUTTER ほわ...
OH GOD, I ALMOST LET KOTOMI'S MELLOW AURA SUCK ME IN.
HUFF
HUFF
CHI-TOSE...
CHITOSE SETO...
MELLOW
WHAT IS IT NOW?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
THERE'S NO NEED TO OVER-THINK IT.
RIGHT, KOTOMI?
RIGHT?
WHAT'S THERE TO THINK ABOUT IF WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY?
EXACTLY!

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MIZUKI ASAMORI
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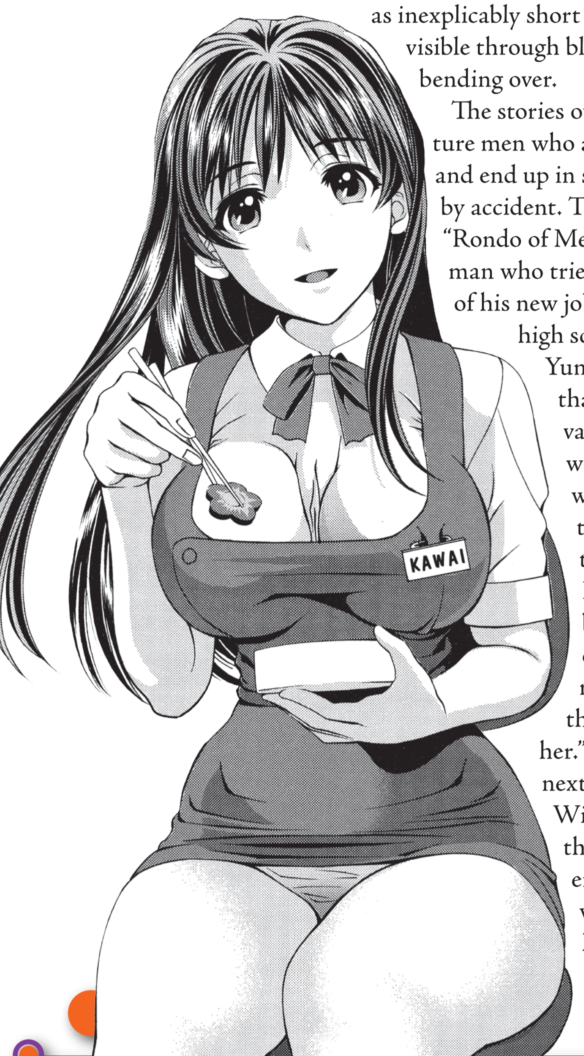
Extra Juicy by Mizuki Asamori is a collection of 8 short hentai (18+ and Not Safe For Work) stories, each featuring a different couple and their story of love… that inevitably leads to sex. Because of the short story form, that buildup is not overly sophisticated. It is always, however, filled with unabashed visual cues such as inexplicably short skirts, full breasts visible through blouses, and women bending over.

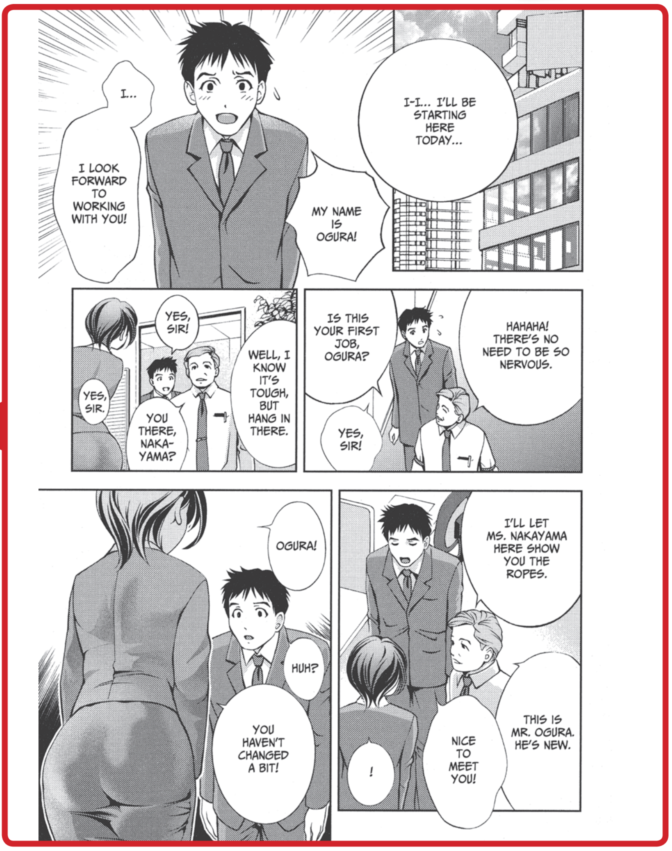


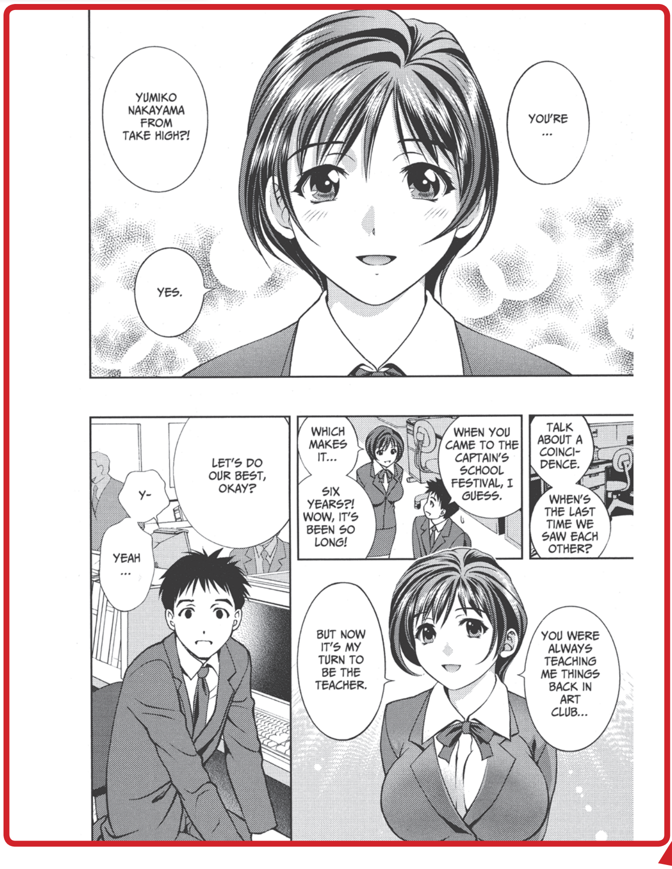
The stories overwhelmingly feature men who are socially "clumsy" and end up in situations somewhat by accident. The first story, "Rondo of Memories," depicts a man who tries to learn the ropes of his new job from one of his high school underclassmen, Yumi. He begins to feel that he is taking advantage of her, that he wouldn't be doing well without her help, and thus awkwardly tries to create distance. But when prompted by a flushed, teary-eyed Yumi, he finally manages to blurt out that he's "always loved her." Similarly, in the next story, "The Beauty With the Warm Sake," the male character ends up working with the woman of his silent adoration because he just can't speak up in time. As a result, none of the stories are marred by a completely ridiculous premise and all retain the simple feel that is appropriate to the girl/guy next door type of most of the characters.

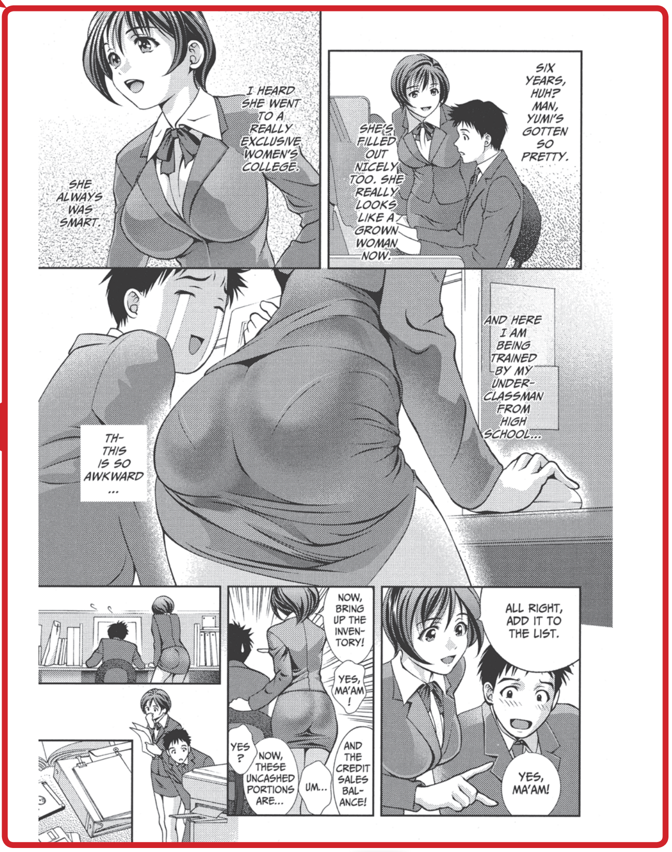
The art reinforces this repetition. Though the first three stories seem to suggest there were actually three distinct "types" of women presented, it becomes more and more clear that all of the women in all of the stories are the same. They have the same face and eyes, and even hairstyles make little difference, rendering the women more like representations of an archetype we as readers are trying to pursue or achieve.

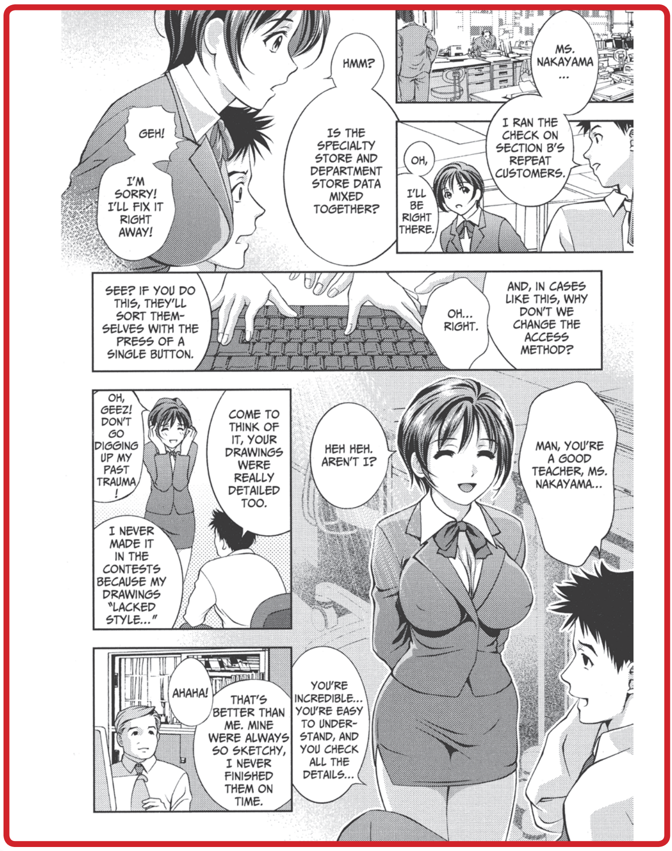
Some of the visual details that are especially nice are the lacy bras, curvy figures, hands and fingers, and very specific use of light. In one story, "Our Time," the characters watch a dramatically drawn sunset together, which is how they get to know each other. In other stories light is used more like a halo to surround a male character's image or fantasy of a woman. It helps that the art bears some similarity to shojo art styles, adding a layer of innocence to the fantasy. The women glow in a way movies might achieve with soft light and anime would create with color, and interestingly reminds the reader of the "fantasy" that permeates not just the stories, but the genre as a whole.

The stories in *Extra Juicy* are to some extent explicitly focused on this idea of fantasy, as all of the male characters dream or fantasize about the women. Not that they fantasize about having sex with them — they simply admire them from "afar." The explanations for how couples formed are understandable: they are coworkers or friends. However, what you're really being pushed towards is the sex, which turns the innocent fantasy on its head. This familiar fantasy is key to the stories: you cannot expect the unexpected, the ridiculous, the incredibly famous, the complex, or the wildly varied. There's something comforting and enjoyable about stories featuring the landlady's daughter, the kind coworker who makes you lunch, and, literally, the girl next door. ❖ Alanna Mori


I-I... I'LL BE STARTING HERE TODAY...
MY NAME IS OGURA!
I...
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!
HAHAHA! THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO NERVOUS.
IS THIS YOUR FIRST JOB, OGURA?
YES, SIR!
WELL, I KNOW IT'S TOUGH, BUT HANG IN THERE.
YES, SIR!
YOU THERE, NAKA-YAMA?
YES, SIR.
I'LL LET MS. NAKAYAMA HERE SHOW YOU THE ROPES.
THIS IS MR. OGURA. HE'S NEW.
NICE TO MEET YOU!
!
OGURA!
HUH?
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT!


YOU'RE ...
YUMIKO NAKAYAMA FROM TAKE HIGH?!
YES.
TALK ABOUT A COINCI-DENCE.
WHEN'S THE LAST TIME WE SAW EACH OTHER?
WHEN YOU CAME TO THE CAPTAIN'S SCHOOL FESTIVAL, I GUESS.
WHICH MAKES IT...
SIX YEARS?! WOW, IT'S BEEN SO LONG!
YOU WERE ALWAYS TEACHING ME THINGS BACK IN ART CLUB...
BUT NOW IT'S MY TURN TO BE THE TEACHER.
LET'S DO OUR BEST, OKAY?
Y-
YEAH ...


SIX YEARS, HUH? MAN, YUMI'S GOTTEN SO PRETTY.
SHE'S FILLED OUT NICELY TOO. SHE REALLY LOOKS LIKE A GROWN WOMAN NOW.
I HEARD SHE WENT TO A REALLY EXCLUSIVE WOMEN'S COLLEGE.
SHE ALWAYS WAS SMART.
AND HERE I AM BEING TRAINED BY MY UNDER-CLASSMAN FROM HIGH SCHOOL...
TH-THIS IS SO AWKWARD ...
ALL RIGHT, ADD IT TO THE LIST.
YES, MA'AM!
NOW, BRING UP THE INVEN-TORY!
YES, MA'AM!
AND THE CREDIT SALES BAL-ANCE!
UM...
NOW, THESE UNCASHED PORTIONS ARE...
YES?


MS. NAKAYAMA ...
I RAN THE CHECK ON SECTION B'S REPEAT CUSTOMERS.
OH,
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
HMM?
IS THE SPECIALTY STORE AND DEPARTMENT STORE DATA MIXED TOGETHER?
GEH!
I'M SORRY! I'LL FIX IT RIGHT AWAY!
AND, IN CASES LIKE THIS, WHY DON'T WE CHANGE THE ACCESS METHOD?
OH... RIGHT.
SEE? IF YOU DO THIS, THEY'LL SORT THEM-SELVES WITH THE PRESS OF A SINGLE BUTTON.
MAN, YOU'RE A GOOD TEACHER, MS. NAKAYAMA...
HEH HEH. AREN'T I?
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOUR DRAWINGS WERE REALLY DETAILED TOO.
OH, GEEZ! DON'T GO DIGGING UP MY PAST TRAUMA!
I NEVER MADE IT IN THE CONTESTS BECAUSE MY DRAWINGS "LACKED STYLE..."
YOU'RE INCREDIBLE... YOU'RE EASY TO UNDER-STAND, AND YOU CHECK ALL THE DETAILS...
THAT'S BETTER THAN ME. MINE WERE ALWAYS SO SKETCHY, I NEVER FINISHED THEM ON TIME.
AHAHA!

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Naruto Shippuden: Ultimate Ninja Storm 3

The Fourth Ninja World War has begun! It's time to unite together from all villages to defeat the masked man and his sinister plan before the reality that everyone knows will cease to exist! If you're really behind in the *Naruto* manga and have no idea what's going on, *Naruto Shippuden: Ultimate Ninja Storm 3's* Ultimate Adventure Mode will certainly help you keep up to date as it covers a lot of ground in the story of Naruto. How much ground? About 15 plus hours in the main story alone. Although that might be a lot for a Naruto fighting game, the story was beautifully done.

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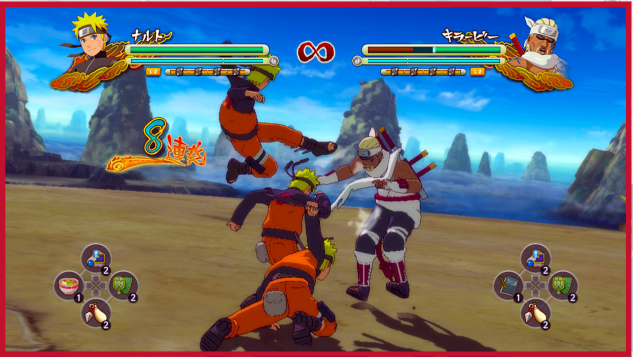

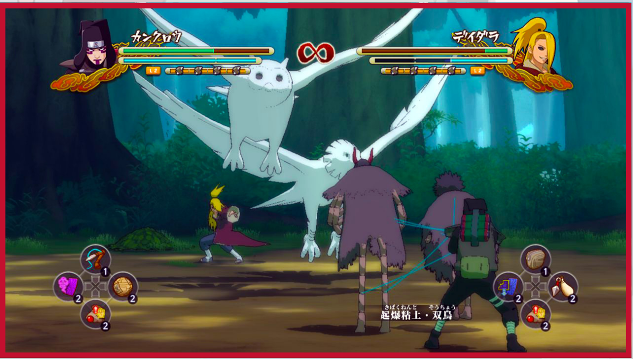

The Ultimate Adventure Mode does indeed return this time since it wasn't part of *Storm Generations*. It starts off with a flashback of the Nine Tails attack on the Leaf Village on the day Naruto was born and jumps ahead to after the Pain arc. You can now go free roaming again in this mode as you did in *Storm 2*. Once you encounter enemies, you will go through the standard 1-on-1 battles with or without support. But as you progress through the game, boss battles will become more intense and will definitely give you the sense of urgency to win. I'm talking about instances like fighting against the Mist Village's renowned swordsmen in one battle to massive scale boss battles like fighting against the tailed beasts themselves! After you clear Ultimate Adventure Mode, you can even roam further and visit more than 15 locations where a lot of side quests are waiting to be completed.

The mechanics of the fighting system hasn't changed much from *Storm Generations*. What's unique for this game is that certain characters can enter awakening mode at will without having to have low health. The downside to this is that your entire chakra bar (not just the chakra itself) will become smaller and smaller. Once you deactivate awakening mode, your chakra bar will slowly return to its original state. This means that at the beginning of a battle, you can do some major damage right away to your opponent. I'd say that it's a welcoming change and adds more variety to a character's ability to fight.

The roster is huge. Once everything is unlocked, there are over 80 characters and 40 stages to choose from. Included in this game are characters from the first part of the *Naruto* story that I believe were not really necessary. Those slots could have been used to add new characters that were never playable before. But overall, the game is great with its story presentation, superb graphics, and wonderful music. I'd give it a 9 out of 10. This game is a definite must-buy especially for all you hardcore Naruto fans. ❖ Sunset Spider

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